



# The Graduate School

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10, 2018

The Graduate Council met on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Thomas Cooper Library in the Career Center.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Maryah Fram, Chair; Drs. Matt Boylan, Bobby Brame, Maks Chruszcz, Jean Ellis, Hippokratis Kiaris, Jim Mensch, Spencer Platt, Tom Regan and Sirivatch Shimpalee

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Suzanne Adlof, Nate Bell, Ron Benner, Cathy Brant, Joanna Casey, Konstantin Pollok, and Clint Saidy, GSA Representative

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Cheryl Addy, Dr. Murray Mitchell (Secretary), Dr. Heather Brandt, Dale Moore (excused), and Wanda Barr

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Tena Crews (excused)

Guests: Dr. Julia Lopez-Robertson (Education), Dr. Kirsten Starnes-Ott (Nursing), Dr. Bob Brookshire (Integrated Technology), Tara George (Office of the Registrar), and Malia Kiehl (Office of the Registrar)

**NOTE: These minutes will become final on January 28, 2019 if not challenged.**

- 1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Maryah Fram, Chair)  
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., and the agenda was unanimously approved.
- 2. Approval of the [Minutes from November 26, 2018](http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp).** Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at: <http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp>
- 3. Report of the Chair** (Maryah Fram)  
No report.
- 4. Report of the Dean of Graduate School** (Cheryl Addy)  
Dr. Addy provided highlights from her attendance at the annual meeting of the *Council of Graduate Schools* last week in Washington, DC. The overall theme was "Preparing Ethical Leaders". The major focus was on diversity and inclusion. "Weapons of Math Destruction" was the title of a presentation which dealt with the algorithmic ways of determining the probability of something happening. This process reinforces the inequities that we already have. Regarding our students, these algorithmic approaches promote discrimination and inequity rather than provide broad service. The speaker gave several examples of how the

algorithmic approaches impact consumers, education, etc.

Another presentation that she attended dealt with legal issues linked to graduate education. A lot of discussion was had regarding the potential impact of the proposed revision to the Title IX regulations that deal with sexual harassment and sexual assault and the huge impact the proposed revision would have. The new regulations, as they are currently written, will most likely discourage the reporting of events and make it more difficult to investigate reported events.

On another legal issue, a faculty member at a certain institution was ruled to not be allowed to advise or mentor graduate students. The removal of the ability to work with graduate students could damage the faculty member's ability to progress as a faculty member. On the other hand, does a graduate student have a right to have an advisor? A lot of discussion occurred regarding graduate students who can't find an advisor for one reason or another. When a program admits a student, an initial advisor should be assigned. If no advisor has been assigned, the graduate director becomes the advisor by default. This function of an initial advisor is to orient a new graduate student to the procedures of the program and to help chart a path toward a degree. Eventually, a student must find an advisor to direct a thesis or dissertation—this assignment is negotiated and is not guaranteed. Indeed, students may be dismissed from a program due to failure to progress because they cannot find an appropriate advisor to work with them.

**5. Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council (Murray Mitchell)**

Dr. Mitchell announced to the Council that there would be a University Advisors Network of approximately 100 undergraduate advisors on Wednesday. He and Garrick Queen would be speaking with that group regarding accelerated plan and senior privilege opportunities that are available to high performing undergraduate students who have 90 hours under their belt with a solid GPA. They are eligible to pursue either an accelerated plan or a senior privilege. There are subtle differences between them. Slides from that presentation will be available on our website after the session. We are trying to reach out to this group of advisors who work with the upper level undergraduate students and apprise them of these opportunities that might help students save a dollar or two and reduce their time to earn a graduate degree. It is a win-win opportunity where the faculty in the program get a chance to entice the star performers to stay in the program and represent the University as they pursue their graduate degree, hopefully staying in South Carolina.

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be Lessons from 100+ Mentorship programs in a live webinar that will be broadcast. It is one hour, free of charge broadcast dealing with strategies to impacting student retention, student satisfaction, in-sights on how to engage students and peer and alumni, mentors, and mentorship, and the nuts and bolts of mentor collective programs will be addressed. The time is 11am to noon.

Another mentor related group called PeopleGrove is a platform product to allow leverage of fiscal resources and collaborative shared service delivery to a wide variety of members of the University, and it is related to managing multiple mentor programs.

The topic of curriculum proposal deadlines always promotes lengthy discussion. This topic will be revisited early in the spring semester to determine which deadlines will be changed to allow sufficient time to get proposals reviewed and pushed through the APPS system. An earlier deadline for the May Graduate Council meeting will also need to be determined.

6. **Report on Professional Development** (Heather Brandt)  
Dr. Brandt gave an update of the preliminary results of the data collection for the fall CGS/PhD Alumni Survey.
7. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Clint Saily)  
No report.
8. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Tom Regan)  
No report.
9. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses, Distributed Learning and Special Topics Courses**  
(Murray Mitchell)

This report is presented to Council for informational purposes only; no action is necessary.

**500/600 Level Courses**

None at this time.

**Distributed Learning Proposals**

None at this time.

**Special Topics Courses**

SPT 590 (3) Sports Economics, Spring 2019.

SPT 590 (3) eSports, Spring 2019.

SPT 590 (3) Advanced Sales in Sport and Entertainment Business, Spring 2019.

SPT 570 (3) Managing Entertainment and Sport in Europe, Spring 2019.

10. **Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations** (Murray Mitchell)

None at this time.

11. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Jean Ellis)

Dr. Ellis reported that the committee will evaluate multiple recruiting and retention fellowships:

*Recruiting*

- Presidential Fellowship – doctoral (\$8,000 per year for 4 years) or MFA students (\$4,000 per semester for 5 semesters)

Deadlines (at 9:00 AM): January 18, February 8, March 8

Programs may have three awarded/active nominations at any time in the process. If a nominee is denied, that nominee cannot be nominated again, but the program may submit a new candidate.

- Cecil Scott Trustee – counseling, psychology, and guidance (4 x \$5,000 one-year awards). Earlier due date than previous years: Feb. 8, 2019 at 9:00 AM

- Rhude M. Patterson – women in humanities and social sciences (2 x \$5,000 one-year awards). Earlier due date than previous years: Feb. 8, 2019 at 9:00 AM
- Website for recruiting fellowships: <http://gradschool.sc.edu/prospective/paying-grad.asp?page=paying>

*Retention – Deadline for all fellowships is March 8, 2019 at 9:00 AM*

- Rhude M. Patterson Graduate Fellowship – women in humanities and social sciences (2 x \$5,000 one-year awards)
- Charles Coker Graduate Fellowship – Master’s or Doctoral degree in business administration (2 x \$3,500 each)
- C.C. Royal Graduate Fellowship – open to all graduate students (\$2500)
- George M. Reeves Graduate Fellowship – open to all graduate students (\$750)
- Dera D. Parkinson Graduate Fellowship – open to all graduate students (\$750)
- Website for retention fellowships: <http://gradschool.sc.edu/students/curr-trustee.asp?page=paying>

The nomination process is the same as last year. Submit all applications materials to GMS prior to deadline. Departments can begin nominating students.

Wright Culpepper will send out email to all Directors of Graduate Studies announcing Presidential Fellowship. The email will also include the PF letter of agreement. The committee wants to ensure that all Graduate Directors and Department Chairs are aware of the PF commitments prior to nomination.

Decisions will be announced approximately 2 weeks following the deadlines. Regarding the Presidential Fellowship, potential students maybe waitlisted. Final acceptances for all recruiting fellowships must be made by April 15, 2019.

## 12. Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee (Rick Creswick)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Each curricular action can be viewed at this Public Agenda review site:

<https://www.sc.edu/programproposal/agenda/?id=57&code=GCO>

At this Public Agenda link, the individual proposals are not live-linked, but agenda items are listed in alphabetical order. To view the full proposals, GC members and Committee Chairs still need to go to the Committee Review site, and filter for “Committees”, then for the “Committee” called “Added to Grad Council agenda.”

- **ITEC Major / Degree Program**, Health Information Technology, M.H.I.T., Engineering and Computing, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2019
- **ITEC 790** (3) Special Topics in Health Information Technology, Engineering and Computing, NCP: Spring 2019
- **ITEC 795** (1-3) Independent Study in Health Information Technology, Engineering and Computing, NCP: Spring 2019
- **NURS Academic Certificate**, Nursing Informatics, Nursing, New Program: Fall 2019

- **PHYT Major / Degree Program**, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Public Health, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2019

**These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.**

13. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee**  
(Murray Mitchell for Cathy Brant)

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- **EDFI 837** (3) Qualitative Case Study, Education, NCP: Spring 2019
- **EDFI 868** (3) History of Student Activism, Education, NCP: Spring 2019
- **EDRD 776** (3) Coaching within Classrooms: Improving Teaching and Literacy Instruction, Education, CCP: Fall 2020
- **EDRD 794** (3) Linguistics for Classroom Teachers PreK-12, Education, NCP: Spring 2019
- **EDRD 795** (3) ESOL Principles and Strategies for PreK-12 Classrooms, Education, NCP: Spring 2019
- **INTE Major / Degree Program**, Language and Literacy, M.Ed., Education, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2019
- **RETL 725** (3) Shoppers in the Retail Environment, HRSM, CCP: Fall 2019
- **RETL 750** (3) Advanced Sales Strategies for Retail, HRSM, NCP: Fall 2019

**These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.**

14. **Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee** (Bobby Brame)  
No report.

15. **Other Committee Reports**  
None.

16. **Old Business**  
None.

17. **New Business**

1. Consideration of an extension to the Withdraw deadline. This is the link (copy attached):

[https://www.sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/faculty\\_senate/documents/facsen\\_meeting](https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/faculty_senate/documents/facsen_meeting)

[s/2018-06-06 withdrawal policy.pdf](#)

2. Language in the Graduate Bulletin regarding the “Valid Period of Admission change from “Admission may be deferred for up to four successive terms without reapplication....” To be replaced with “Admission may be deferred for up to one calendar year without reapplication..”
  3. Discussion of a clarification memo regarding associate graduate faculty status (attached).
18. **Good of the Order**  
None.
19. **Adjournment**  
The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

**Murray Mitchell, Secretary**

CC:

Harris Pastides, President  
Joan Gabel, Provost  
Cheryl Addy, Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School  
Deans  
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Graduate Directors  
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