

University Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 3:15pm

Meeting held in Snead Hall, B-4178 and via Zoom

Members Present: Drs. Daniel Bullard, Jill Bettinger, Molly Bristol, LaMont Cannon, Jane Chung, Paul Thulin-Jimenez, Yannick Kluch, Nicole Lee, Nastassja Lewinski, Oonagh Loughran, Karla Mossi, Julie Patterson, Maike Philipsen, Rita Shiang, Oliver Speck, Angela Reynolds, Fengchun Tang, Chad Taylor, and Stephen Vitiello

Guest: Karen Cary, Dawn Fields Crichlow, Teri Dunnivant, Barbara Judy, Joyce Lloyd

I. The May UGC minutes were approved electronically.

II. Action Items

None.

III. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards
The committee has an appeal hearing scheduled.

B. Committee on Internal Review
No report.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

New Member Introductions

- Dr. Yannick Kluch – School of Business
- Dr. Karla Mossi – College of Engineering
- Dr. Chad Taylor – College of Health Professions
- Dr. Courtney Holmes – College of Health Professions
- Dr. Oliver Speck – College of Humanities and Sciences
- Nick Devlin – Graduate Student Association President
- Dr. Molly Bristol – School of Dentistry
- Dr. Jane Chung – School of Nursing
- Dr. Lamont Cannon – VCU Life Sciences

VI. Chair's Report

Graduate School Policies

During the previous academic year, UGC voted to make changes to the following policies:

- Historical Repeat
- Increase non-degree seeking credits that can apply to a degree

These policy changes would allow programs the flexibility to utilize them if they choose to do so. The policies were submitted to the Academic Regulations Committee for final approval. At this time, the committee has asked that UGC consult program directors, associate deans of the school/colleges, and graduate faculty for feedback on these policies before approval. A series of surveys will be shared with these populations to gather feedback. This information will be submitted to the Academic Regulations Committee for review.

Review process for reviewing curricular items

Last year, UGC amended the bylaws to eliminate the Programs and Course Committee. The reason for this was to reduce administrative burden. Curriculum items will now come directly to UGC for review. Additionally, a list of items was decided on regarding which items the council would like to review

The Graduate School is creating a reference guide for council members to use. Former members of P&C have also offered to work with UGC members to assist in the transition.

Meeting adjourned: at 4:36pm.