

University Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 3:15pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Members Present: Drs. Daniel Bullard, Jill Bettinger, Molly Bristol, LaMont Cannon, Jane Chung, Kimberly Compton, Courtney Holmes, Yannick Kluch, Nicole Lee, Denia Lee-Hing, Karla Mossi, Julie Patterson, Maike Philipson, Rita Shiang, Oliver Speck, Mary Beth Reed, Angela Reynolds, Jo Robins, Fengchun Tang, Chad Taylor, Stephen Vitiello, and Ms. Ms. Karen Cary, Ms. Dawn Fields Crichlow, Mr. Nick Devlin, Ms. Teri Dunnivant, and Ms. Barbara Judy

Guest: Blair Clemo, Leigh Ann Craig, Rodney Dyer, Kathleen Graber, Cameron Parkins, Jennifer Rhee, Lacey Seaton, Jennifer Tennison, and Shijun Zhang

I. The September 2022 UGC minutes were approved electronically.

II. Old Business

College of Humanities and Sciences – ALL APPROVED

English Department

Course Revision

- ENGL 629 : Form and Theory of Genre:
 - Class can be repeated four times for a total of twelve credits

Permanent Suspension of Admission into a Concentration

- MA-ENG-RC : English, Master of Arts (M.A.) with a concentration in research

School of the Arts – APPROVED

Arts-Dean's Office

Reactivate Admission into a Concentration

- MFA-FNA-FB : Fine Arts, Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) with a concentration in fibers

School of Dentistry – ALL APPROVED

Department of Endodontics & Oral Diagnostic Sciences

New Course

- ENDO 680 : Clinical Endodontics

Department of Periodontics

Course Revision

- PERI 680 : Clinical Periodontics

III. Action Items

College of Health Professions – APPROVED

Department of Hospital and Health Administration

Program Revision

- PHD-HSR : Health Services Organization and Research, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

College of Humanities and Sciences – APPROVED

Department of History

Program Revision

- MA-HIS : History, Master of Arts (M.A.)

School of Education – APPROVED

Department of Educational Leadership

Reactivate Admission into a Concentration

- MED-EDL-ADSP : Educational Leadership, Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a concentration in administration and supervision

School of Pharmacy – ALL APPROVED

Department of Medicinal Chemistry

Course Revisions

- MEDC 555 : Fundamentals of Drug Discovery I
- MEDC 591 : Special Topics in Medicinal Chemistry
- MEDC 601 : Advanced Medicinal Chemistry I

VCU Life Sciences – ALL APPROVED

Center for Environmental Sciences

New Course

- ENVS 531 : Landscape Ecology

Program Revision

- MENV-ENS : Environmental Studies, Master of (M.Envs.)

IV. Minor Items

College of Health Professions – ALL APPROVED

Department of Hospital and Health Administration

Course Revision

- HADE 651 : Applications in Health Care Financial Management
 - Update to course modality

Certificate Revision

- CGR-HLE : Health Equity, Certificate in (Graduate certificate)
 - Update to the admissions requirements adding a spring semester of entry

School of Dentistry – ALL APPROVED

Department of Endodontics and Oral Diagnostic Sciences

Course Revision

- ORPT 702 : Oral Diagnostic Sciences Orofacial Senior Selective
 - Update to course title

Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Course Revision

- PEDD 733 : Advanced Pediatric Dentistry
 - Update to instruction type

School of Education – ALL APPROVED

Department of Educational Leadership

Certificate Revision

- CPM-EDL : Educational Leadership, Certificate in (Post-master's certificate)
 - Update to the student learning outcomes

Department of Teaching and Learning

Course Deletions

- ADLT 600 : Adult Education Perspective
- ADLT 607 : Writing Instruction for Adult Learners
- ADLT 608 : Adult Education Practicum

School of Education – ALL APPROVED

Department of Teaching and Learning

Course Deletions

- ADLT 614 : Curriculum Development for Adult Educators
- ADLT 621 : Skills Development for Human Resource Development
- ADLT 622 : Human Resource Development Strategies and Interventions

School of Nursing – ALL APPROVED

Nursing-Dean's Office

Course Revision

- NURS 701 : Statistical Methods for Nursing Research
 - Update to course modality

V. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards

The committee heard a student appeal and made recommendations to the Graduate Dean.

B. Committee on Internal Review

No report.

VI. New Business

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

The Graduate School surveyed graduate students, graduate faculty, and graduate program directors to gather feedback on the proposed policy changes. All surveys have been shared with the UGC membership for review and feedback on next steps.

Bereavement Policies

Dr. Kimberly Compton, Assistant Professor & Assistant Director of the MSW Program, is in the beginning stages of starting a working group surrounding bereavement policies for graduate students. Feedback from UGC membership seems to indicate the graduate programs handle these situations on a case-by-case basis and often grant leaves of absence to students. However, this can become difficult if the student is on an assistantship as HR policies limit the time

VII. Chair's Report

Dr. Bullard thanks the members of UGC for the dedicated service and extensive work on constructing the proposed graduate policies. Members of the UGC agreed to move forward with the policy changes and to submit them to the Academic Regulations Committee for next steps.

Graduate Education Week

The Graduate School is hosting our 2nd annual Graduate Education Week this week. We invite everyone to attend our Diversity in Graduate Education Symposium on Thursday, October 6th as well as the 3MT Finals on Friday, October 7th.

Meeting adjourned: at 4:59pm.