

University Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 3:15pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Members Present: Drs. Manu Gupta, Jill Bettinger, Molly Bristol, LaMont Cannon, Jane Chung, Kimberly Compton, Yannick Kluch, Nicole Lee, Denia Lee-Hing, Karla Mossi, Julie Patterson, Maike Philipsen, 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, Ms. Barbara Judy, Dr. Joyce Lloyd, and Dr. Jeffery Wilson

Guest: Meredith Baines, Kimberly Bridges, David Edwards, Teresa Nadder, Stevens Negus, Gretchen Neigh, Maria Rivera, Sarah Seashols-Williams, and Jennifer Tennison

I. The October 2022 UGC minutes were approved electronically.

II. Old Business

None.

III. Action Items

College of Health Professions – ALL APPROVED

Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences

New Courses

- CLLS 622 : Fundamentals of Public Health, Epidemiology and Laboratory Surveillance
- CLLS 624 : Laboratory Techniques and Emergency Response and Preparedness
- CLLS 626 : Quality and Ethics

College of Humanities and Sciences – ALL APPROVED

Department of Biology

Program Revision

- MS-BIO : Biology, Master of Science (M.S.)

Department of Forensic Science

New Courses

- FRSC 581 : Forensic Analysis of Fire Debris and Explosive Evidence
- FRSC 582 : Forensic Analysis of Paint and Fiber Evidence

Concentration Revisions

- MS-FOS-FCDT : Forensic Science, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in forensic chemistry/drugs and toxicology
- MS-FOS-FCTR : Forensic Science, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in forensic chemistry/trace
- MS-FOS-FPAN : Forensic Science, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in forensic physical analysis

School of Education – ALL APPROVED

Education-Dean's Office

Concentration Closure

- PHD-EDP-SPLD : Education, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in sport leadership

Department of Educational Leadership

New Courses

- EDLP 641 : Independent Study
- EDLP 718 : Budgeting and Finance

School of Education...continued – ALL APPROVED

Department of Educational Leadership

Program Revision

- EDD-LSH : Leadership, Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

School of Dentistry – ALL APPROVED

Department of Endodontics and Oral Diagnostic Sciences

New Course

- ORPT 703 : Oral Diagnostic Sciences Pathology Senior Selective

Course Revisions

- ENDO 700 : Senior Selective in Advanced Clinical Endodontics
- ENDO 749 : Clinical Endodontics IV
- ORPT 737 : D3 Radiology Rotation

Dental Special Topics

New Courses

- DENS 705 : CAD/CAM Senior Selective
- DENS 706 : Laser Senior Selective
- DENS 707 : Dental Sleep Medicine Senior Selective
- DENS 727 : D3 Clinical Dentistry
- DENS 753 : D4 Treatment Planning Seminar

Course Revisions

- DENS 752 : Clinical General Practice Dentistry
- DENS 762 : Clinical Service-learning

General Practice

New Course

- GENP 590 : Advanced AEGD Clinic

Department of Prosthodontics

Course Revision

- PROS 749 : Clinical Prosthodontics IV

School of Medicine – ALL APPROVED

Medicine-Dean's Office

New Dual Degree Program

- MD:PHD EPI : Medicine, Doctor of (M.D.)/Epidemiology, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) [dual degree]

Department of Pharmacology

New Course

- PHTX 631 : Virtual Pharmacology Lab

School of Nursing – ALL APPROVED

Nursing-Dean's Office

New Courses

- NURS 622 : Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice
- NURS 623 : Advanced Health Assessment
- NURS 632 : Maternal and Child Health in Primary Care
- NURS 661 : DNP Residency I: Mentored Practicum
- NURS 663 : DNP Residency II: Mentored Practicum

Certificate Closures

- CPM-NUR-AANP : Nursing, Certificate in (Post-master's certificate) with a concentration in adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner

School of Nursing...continued – ALL APPROVED

Nursing-Dean's Office

Certificate Closures

- CPM-NUR-FN : Nursing, Certificate in (Post-master's certificate) with a concentration in family nurse practitioner
- CPM-NUR-PQNP : Nursing, Certificate in (Post-master's certificate) with a concentration in psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner

Concentration Closure

- MS-NUR-APNP : Nursing, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner

School of Social Work – APPROVED

Social Work-Dean's Office

Concentration Closure

- MSW-SLW : Social Work, Master of (M.S.W.)

IV. Minor Items

College of Engineering – ALL APPROVED

Department of Biomedical Engineering

Course Revision

- EGRB 506 : Artificial Organs
 - Update to course prerequisites

Program Revisions

- MS-BME : Biomedical Engineering, Master of Science (M.S.)
 - Removal of the GRE requirement
- PHD-BME : Biomedical Engineering, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
 - Removal of the GRE requirement

Department of Chemical and Life Sciences Engineering

Course Revisions

- CLSE 655 : Nonequilibrium Analysis in Chemical and Life Science Engineering
 - Update to course modality
- CLSE 656 : Advanced Chemical Reaction Engineering
 - Update to course modality
- CLSE 691 : Special Topics in Chemical and Life Science Engineering
 - Update to course modality

College of Humanities and Sciences – ALL APPROVED

Department of Forensic Science

Course Deletions

- FRSC 681 : Analysis of Fire Debris and Explosives
- FRSC 682 : Forensic Analysis of Paint and Polymers

Department of Statistical Sciences and Operational Research

Course Revisions

- STAT 641 : Applied Data Analysis
 - Removal of course restriction
- STAT 643 : Applied Linear Regression
 - Remove course prerequisite
- STAT 744 : Regression II
 - Update to course description
- STAT 791 : Special Topics in Statistics
 - Update to course modality

da Vinci Center – ALL APPROVED

da Vinci Center-Dean's Office

Course Revision

- INNO 502 : Business Principles for Product Innovation

Program Revision

- MPI-PRI : Product Innovation, Master of (M.P.I.)
 - Allowing students to take INNO 600 or INNO 610 as part of core curriculum requirements

Office of the VP for Research – APPROVED

Center for Clinical and Translational Research

- PHD-CTS-CMMD : Clinical and Translational Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in cancer and molecular medicine
 - Update to the degree requirements to include a publication requirement

School of the Arts – ALL APPROVED

Department of Craft and Material Studies

Course Deletions

- CRAF 591 : Special Topics and Practicum
- CRAF 601 : Graduate Studies in Metal
- CRAF 621 : Graduate Studies in Wood
- CRAF 641 : Graduate Studies in Clay
- CRAF 651 : Graduate Studies in Glass
- CRAF 661 : Graduate Studies in Fiber
- CRAF 680 : Graduate Critique

Department of Painting and Printmaking

Course Deletions

- PAPER 528 : Art and Critical Theory
- PAPER 591 : Topics in Painting and Printmaking
- PAPER 615 : Graduate Printmaking
- PAPER 621 : Graduate Drawing

School of Business – ALL APPROVED

Business Dean's Office

Course Revisions

- SPTL 603 : Research and Analytics in Sport
 - Revised course title and modality
- SPTL 644 : NCAA Coaching
 - Revised course title and modality

Course Deletions

- SPTL 604 : Research Practicum
- SPTL 631 : Contemporary Issues in Sport
- SPTL 651 : Advanced Coaching Techniques

Program Revision

- MSL-SPL : Sport Leadership, Master of (M.S.L.)
 - Update to program modality and course numbers

School of Dentistry – ALL APPROVED

Dentistry-Dean's Office

Course Deletion

- DEBS 702 : Dental Genetics

School of Dentistry...continued – ALL APPROVED

Department of Endodontics and Oral Diagnostic Sciences

Course Deletion

- ORPT 747 : Radiology Rotation

Course Revision

- ORPT 700 : Oral Diagnostic Sciences Radiology Senior Selective
 - Course title revision

Dental Special Topics

Course Deletions

- DENS 623 : Clinical Skills IV
- DENS 625 : Clinical Skills III

School of Dentistry...continued

Dental Special Topics

Course Deletions

- DENS 703 : Advanced Interpersonal Communications I
- DENS 713 : Advanced Interpersonal Communications II

Department of Prosthodontics

Course Deletions

- PROS 622 : Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics
- PROS 623 : Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics Laboratory

Course Revision

- PROS 700 : Senior Selective in Advanced Clinical Prosthodontics
 - Remove course prerequisite

School of Education – ALL APPROVED

Department of Counseling and Special Education

Course Revisions

- SEDP 501 : Characteristics of Individuals with Disabilities: _____
 - Revised course title and description
- SEDP 533 : Assessment of Individuals with Disabilities: _____
 - Revised course title and description
- SEDP 601 : Instructional Methods and Programming for Individuals with Disabilities: _____
 - Revised course title and description
- SEDP 603 : Theories, Assessment and Practices in Literacy Development for Individuals with Exceptionalities: _____
 - Revised course title and description
- SEDP 631 : Behavior Support of Individuals with Disabilities: _____
 - Revised course title and description
- SEDP 700 : Externship: _____
 - Revised course title and description

Department of Educational Leadership

Course Revisions

- EDLP 700 : Learning Networks
 - Course title revision
- EDLP 702 : Organizational Analysis
 - Course title revision
- EDLP 704 : Legal Perspectives
 - Course title revision
- EDLP 705 : Policy and Ethics
 - Course title revision
- EDLP 708 : Leadership and Crisis
 - Course title revision

School of Education...continued – ALL APPROVED

Department of Educational Leadership

Course Revisions

- EDLP 709 : Equity and Leadership
 - Revised course description
- EDLP 711 : Data and Leadership I
 - Revised course title and description
- EDLP 712 : Culture Change
 - Course title revision
- EDLP 713 : Data and Leadership II
 - Course title revision
- EDLP 714 : Systems Change
 - Revised course title and description
- EDLP 715 : Professional Writing
 - Course title revision
- EDLP 717 : Data Visualization
 - Revised course title and description

Certificate Revision

- CGR-CRL : Culturally Responsive Leadership, Certificate in (Graduate certificate)
 - Update to the admission entry term

Concentration Revision

- MED-EDL-CRLD : Educational Leadership, Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a concentration in culturally responsive leadership
 - Update to admissions deadline

School of Nursing – ALL APPROVED

Nursing-Dean's Office

Concentration Revisions

- MS-NUR-AANP : Nursing, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner
 - Update core course numbers
- MS-NUR-FN : Nursing, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in family nurse practitioner
 - Update core course numbers
- MS-NUR-PQNP : Nursing, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner
 - Update core course numbers
- PHD-NURD-N1 : Nursing, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in biobehavioral research
 - Removal of the Honor's College guaranteed admissions language
- PHD-NURD-N2 : Nursing, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in health care quality research
 - Removal of the Honor's College guaranteed admissions language
- DNP-NRP-AANP : Nursing Practice, Doctor of (D.N.P) with a concentration in adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner
- DNP-NRP-FN : Nursing Practice, Doctor of (D.N.P) with a concentration in family nurse practitioner

School of Social Work – ALL APPROVED

Social Work-Dean's Office

Course Revisions

- SWKD 701 : Introduction to Advanced Quantitative Methods
 - Update to corequisites
- SWKD 702 : Introduction to Quantitative Data Analysis
 - Update to corequisites

School of Social Work – ALL APPROVED

Social Work-Dean's Office

Course Revisions

- SWKD 706 : Proseminar I
 - Update to grading scheme to pass/fail
- SWKD 707 : Proseminar II
 - Update to grading scheme to pass/fail
- SWKD 896 : Social Work Teaching Practicum
 - Update to grading scheme to pass/fail

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

UGC Bylaw Updates

The Council members are proposing that the Chair of UGC be an elected member from the membership. A draft is being worked on reflecting the proposed changes for a future vote.

VII. Chair's Report

Graduate School interim leadership

Effective November 1, 2022, Dr. Manu Gupta assumed the role of Interim Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Gupta brings to this interim position 18 years of academic leadership, teaching and research experience. He joined VCU in 2008 as assistant professor of finance and rose through the ranks of promotion and tenure to become associate professor in 2014 and full professor in 2019. For the past four years, he has served as department chair of Finance, Insurance & Real Estate. Dr. Gupta is ecstatic to work alongside the members of the council and your respective schools/colleges to move graduate education at VCU forward.

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 approved policies were submitted to the Academic Regulations Committee (ARC) on October 11, 2022. Dean Gupta will be drafting a memo to send to ARC regarding next steps to get these policies approved and implemented.

Meeting adjourned: at 4:31pm.