

Council Chair: Steve Permut	
Policy/Fellowship Committee	EX OFFICIO (NON-VOTING)
Bahner, Ingrid - POLICY CHAIR	Dwayne Smith, Dean, OGS
Buck, Harleah	Paul Sanberg, VP, Research and Innovation
Cohen, Donna - sabbatical	Ruth Bahr, Assoc. Dean, OGS
Guldiken, Rasim	Shyam Mohapatra, Assoc Dean, Pharmacy
Schaum, Brittany – GS Rep	Erin Sauer, Co-Pres, GAU (2017-2018)
Shaw, Lindsey	Marcy Cockrell, Co-Pres GAU (2017-2018)
Seibel, Brad	
Wecker, Lynn	
Wheeler, Pat	
White, Ashley – GS Rep	
Xue, Bin	
TBA – PH	
TBA - TA	
Curriculum Committee	LIAISONS
Agosto, Vonzell - CURRICULUM CHAIR	Carol Hines-Cobb, Assistant Director, Academics, OGS
Dave, Vrushank	Joseph Butts, Assistant Director, Academics, OGS
Hallock-Muller, Pam	Brandis Waiz, OGS Course Liaison
Kirby, Russell – VICE CHAIR	Toure Rider, In Ed – Grad Certificates
Lee, Sang-Hie	Renita Wasilefsky – Grad Certificates
Martyn, Kevin – GS Rep	Paul Crawford., Graduate Admissions
Plank, Richard	Cynthia Brown Hernandez, System Academics
Savachkin, Alex	Michael Wrona, SACSCOC Liaison
Taylor, Tomaro – COUNCIL SECRETARY	Roger Brindley, AVP USF World
TBA – AS	Cindy DeLuca - Innovative Education
TBA – AS	
TBA - BC	
TBA - NR	

MARCH Minutesp

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM.
2. Welcome and Public Comment on Agenda Items
The Chair welcomed all attendees and asked for public comment on agenda items. There was no public comment on agenda items.
3. Introductions
The Chair opened the floor for introductions.
4. Approval of February 19, 2018 Minutes
The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. Curriculum Action Item: Public Administration (MPA) changes for accreditation

Program representatives presented a number of “improvements” to the Master of Public Administration degree that extended from a previous accreditation review. Following a programmatic review and benchmarking against competing programs, the following changes were proposed: the addition of two core courses (Research Methods; Organizational Theory and Leadership); revised grade restrictions for core courses; renaming of selected classes; renaming of graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management; and elimination of ethics course in favor of adding extensive ethics modules in all core courses.
 - a. A motion to approve the program’s curricular actions and the certificate title change was approved unanimously, pending the College’s approval of the new certificate title.
 - b. In light of the pending accreditation review, Chairperson Permut asked Dean Smith if the Council should submit documentation to demonstrate support of the changes. Dean Smith indicated that the Council vote would suffice.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Curriculum Committee: Chairperson Agosto reviewed recent course approvals and thanked Brandis Waiz for helping the Committee contact faculty whose proposals needed to be moved forward. In response to a question by Chairperson Permut, Agosto noted that the Committee had processed all proposals received by the January 22nd deadline.
 - i. Chairperson Permut commended the Committee for its work and stated that he would be presenting data on the Committee’s activities at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
 - ii. The Committee’s report was approved unanimously.
 - b. Policy/Fellowship Committee: Dr. Wecker presented the Policy/Fellowship Committee’s report in Dr. Bahner’s absence. Dr. Wecker noted the Committee’s continued work on: video conferencing and dissertation defenses; graduate faculty appointments; USF credits earned by non-degree seeking students; and English proficiency.

- i. Video conferencing and dissertation defenses: A motion to add the outside chair to language about the physical presence of both the major professor and student at a defense and to indicate that all other attendees may “physically or virtually attend the exam” passed unanimously.
 - ii. USF credits: A motion to add the word “Courses” for clarification at the beginning of two bullet points passed unanimously.
 - iii. The Committee’s report was approved unanimously.
7. Dean’s & Associate Dean’s Report
 - a. Dean’s Report: Dean Smith announced passage of the bill to consolidate the USF campuses. A task force is being formed to draft procedures for reunification. The report is due February 2019; implementation will occur thereafter. The objective is to optimize the strengths of each campus.

Dean Smith also announced the formation of the new Adjunct Union, which will be official in the coming weeks barring any injunctions. Both sides will form bargaining units. It is expected that key issues will include: increased salaries, benefits, and types of adjuncts (professionals in the field vs. professional adjuncts). Concern about graduate assistantships, etc. was expressed by members of the Council. A discussion regarding HCC’s recent impasses and arbitration followed.

Lastly, Dean Smith reported decreased admissions across disciplines and noticeable decreases in international applications. Potential international students are citing concerns about visas and safety as reasons for not applying to US programs.
 - b. Associate Dean Bahr reported on recent trends in graduate education, as identified by the president of the Southern Council on Graduate Schools: increased foci on design thinking and deductive hypotheses; increased focus on job preparation; reconceptualization of dissertation projects. Council members inquired about students leaving academia to enter the public sector; Dr. Bahr commented on the Office’s desire to expand the research opportunity base in the Tampa Bay area.

Dr. Bahr reminded attendees that the 10th Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium is being held Wednesday in the Marshall Student Center, 1-4PM. Over 150 posters are being presented; 50 reviewers will judge posters either virtually or in person. Winners will advance to the statewide competition in Tallahassee at FSU/FAMU.
8. Chair’s Report: Chairperson Permuth brought to the table a constant theme of the system-wide Faculty Senate—not enough Assistant Professors are being recruited early enough in their career to participate in university governance. Comments regarding Senate restructuring, in light of reunification, followed.
9. New Business
 - a. Carol reminded Council that the election for Chair/Vice-Chair will occur at the final meeting in April. Richard Plank has volunteered to serve as Curriculum Chair for 2018-2019; a Policy/Fellowship Chair for 2018-2019 is to be determined. Nominations should be emailed to Carol.
10. The Council adjourned at 2:20PM.