

USF Graduate Council Meeting Minutes April 16, 2018 1:00 P.M. ALN 296

Council Chair: Steve Permuth	
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 (not in attendance)	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 (not in attendance)	
Wecker, Lynn (not in attendance)	
Wheeler, Pat	
White, Ashley – GS Rep	
Xue, Bin	
TBA – PH, TA	
Curriculum Committee	LIAISONS
Agosto, Vonzell - CURRICULUM CHAIR (not in attendance)	Carol Hines-Cobb, Assistant Director, Academics, OGS (not in attendance)
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 (not in attendance)	Michael Wrona, SACSCOC Liaison
Taylor, Tomaro - COUNCIL SECRETARY	Roger Brindley, AVP USF World
TBA – AS, AS, BC, NR	Cindy DeLuca – Innovative Education

#### APRIL MINUTES

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM.
- 2 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all attendees and opened the floor for introductions.

- 3. Public Comment on Agenda Items
  There was no public comment on agenda items.
- 4. Approval of March 19, 2018 Minutes The minutes were approved.
- 5. Committee Reports

Due to the volume of proposals submitted prior to the meeting, Chairperson Permuth asked that we review the Curriculum Committee's New and Old Business before hearing the Committee's reports. Dr. Bahr led the Council's proposal review.

## **New Business**

- a. Diversity in Education (certificate): The original proposal was resubmitted, based on changes to curricular requirements for graduate certificates. New courses were added to increase availability for students. APPROVED.
- b. Cancer Chemical Biology (Ph.D.): Dr. Bahr noted the BOG's requirement to have identical core courses for all majors under an existing CIP. As such, the proposed core was revised to align with other majors in the CIP. Courses from the proposed core were redistributed to the required electives. A motion to correct the core curriculum, redistribute proposed core classes to the required electives, and clarify language regarding lab rotations was made and seconded. APPROVED.
- c. Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy (Ph.D.): Dr. Bahr noted a slight discrepancy in course credits; the Office of Graduate Studies will review and revise as appropriate. Questions about variable course credits were addressed with the suggestion that two, separate courses with similar content (but different course credits) be submitted for approval. Changes similar to those proposed for the Cancer Chemical Biology (Ph.D.) major were motioned, seconded, and

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approved.

- d. Civil Engineering (M.C.E., M.S.C.E., Ph.D.): A proposal to revert to the 2016-2017 copy catalogue was approved. The department is working towards identifying a common core, per BOG requirements.
- e. Applied Anthropology/Public Health (MA/MPH; MA/Ph.D.; Ph.D./MPH): Proposals to rename the programs from dual to concurrent degrees and reduce the number of shared courses were approved.
- f. Data Science for Public Administration (certificate): Dr. Sanders thanked the Office of Graduate Studies, the Graduate Council, and various other constituents for facilitation of a very successful reaccreditation review. The newly proposed graduate certificate will continue moving PA forward in revamping the program by aiding in greater diversification of course offerings. The number of credit hours proposed (15 vs. 12) was questioned. Dr. Bahr noted that preferred 15 credits is the maximum number of hours for a graduate certificate. APPROVED.
- g. The following curricular changes were noted for the record:
  - 1) College of Education College Comp Exam codified college-wide procedure
  - 2) Accountancy (M. Acc.) expanded options for students with non-accounting backgrounds to apply for and enter the Masters of Accountancy
  - 3) Environmental Engineering (Ph.D.) core curriculum added
  - 4) Nurse Anesthesia (DNP) changes approved by college

# **Old Business**

a. Accelerated Program – AS Liberal Arts Film Studies (BA/MA): In anticipation of UGC's approval, the Graduate Council approved revisions to shared coursework. Dr. Bahr noted that the program is under 150 credit hours and will be out of SACS compliance. The department acknowledges this issue and is moving forward with the accelerated program as proposed.

#### Committee Reports

Policy Committee – Dr. Bahner announced that she will continue as chair for the 2018-2019 academic year. Per her report, the Committee recently approved the following: revisions to change of major and required GPA, and the graduate certificate policy. The following items have been tabled until fall: graduate faculty, dissertation format, thesis defense guidelines, and directed research hours. The Graduate Council Operating Procedures have been revised to include language about the Executive Committee's composition, purpose, and commitment to availability during the Council's summer hiatus. Other changes to the Operating Procedures included moving the election date. Dr. Bahner acknowledged the committee's dedication and hard work. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Curriculum Committee – Dr. Plank provided a brief overview of the Committee's recent activities. Brandis Waiz and Dr. Bahr noted the volume of courses approved this academic year (approximately 120). Ms. Waiz requested approval of four (4) pending courses (IDS 6225, IDS 6239, IDS 6935, and MAP 6426) pending Dr. Agosto's approval. The approval request and the Committee's report were approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bahr stated that a plan is being considered to review and remove courses no longer offered.

## 6. Recognitions

Dr. Permuth acknowledged the contributions of GS representatives, non-returning Council members, and members of the Executive Committee. Formal recognitions will be distributed via campus mail.

7. Dean's & Associate Dean's Report

## Dean's Report

Dr. Bahr reported on Dean Smith's behalf.

- There is little information regarding USF's reunification, beyond the Governor's selection of a committee.
- The adjunct union is moving forward; fall negotiations are expected.

# Associate Dean's Report

Dr. Bahr will be attending the Florida Dean's Meeting in Tallahassee. Twelve students will also be attending as part of the statewide research symposium.

The deadline to accept graduate fellowships was April 15th. Four students have accepted or tentatively accepted the

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Presidential Doctoral Fellowship; 1 student has accepted the Delores Auzenne Fellowship; and 9 have accepted the Graduate Student Success Fellowship. Although the rate of fellowships is down, Dr. Bahr noted the excellent quality of students matriculating this fall. She reminded Council members to increase contact with potential students in order to encourage their acceptance and attendance. Queries regarding remaining fellowship funds were addressed by noting the differences between fellowships that appear as line items and fellowships for which funding and distribution options may be slightly more flexible.

- 8. Chair's Report
  - Dr. Permuth thanked Council members for their hard work and acknowledged the efforts of both the Policy and Curriculum Committees. He has enjoyed the level of interactivity and knowledge afforded by the Council.
- New Business: Elections for Chair/Vice Chair
   Uncontested nominations were received for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Dr. Steve Permuth and Dr. Russell Kirby were re-elected by acclamation.
   No nominations were received for the Secretary position. A secretary will be determined in fall.
- 10. The meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM.