

Council Chair: Steve Permut	
Policy/Fellowship Committee	EX OFFICIO (NON-VOTING)
Bahner, Ingrid - POLICY CHAIR	Dwayne Smith, Dean, OGS
Wilson, Cheryl	Paul Sanberg, VP, Research and Innovation (not in attendance)
Cohen, Donna	Ruth Bahr, Assoc. Dean, OGS
Guldiken, Rasim	Shyam Mohapatra, Assoc. Dean, Pharmacy (not in attendance)
Shaw, Lindsey (not in attendance)	Erin Sauer, Co-Pres, GAU (2017-2018)
Wecker, Lynn	Marcy Cockrell, Co-Pres GAU (2017-2018 (not in attendance)
Wheeler, Pat	Tur, Jared (not in attendance)
Xue, Bin (not in attendance)	
Curriculum Committee	LIAISONS
Agosto, Vonzell - CURRICULUM CHAIR	Carol Hines-Cobb, Assistant Director, Academics, OGS
Dave, Vrushank	Joseph Butts, Assistant Director, Academics, OGS
Kirby, Russell, <i>Council Vice-Chair</i>	Brandis Waiz, OGS Course Liaison
Lee, Sang-Hie	Toure Rider, In Ed – Grad Certificates (not in attendance)
Plank, Richard	Paul Crawford., Graduate Admissions (not in attendance)
Savachkin, Alex (not in attendance)	Cynthia Brown Hernandez, System Academics (not in attendance)
Taylor, Tomaro, <i>Council Secretary</i>	Michael Wrona, SACSCOC Liaison (not in attendance)
	Roger Brindley, AVP USF World (not in attendance)
	Cindy DeLuca - Innovative Education (not in attendance)

OCTOBER MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM.
- Welcome
 The Chair welcomed all attendees and suggested a minor re-ordering of agenda items (as noted below). Dr. Permut also commented on the importance of Council members receiving review/discussion materials in a timely manner.
- Public Comment on Agenda Items
 There was no public comment on agenda items.
- Approval of September 25, 2017 Minutes
 The minutes were approved unanimously.
- Committee Reports
 Policy Committee – Dr. Bahner presented the committee’s report, which included: approval of EAP1850 and EAP1851 for fulfilling English proficiency requirements, a review of admissions deadlines, and comments on Dr. Permut’s suggested changes to the Council’s operating procedures. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.
 Curriculum Committee – Dr. Agosto presented the committee’s report, which included: an overview of approved degree proposals, acknowledgement of the new APAC (Academic Program Advisory Council) process, and positive remarks regarding the new course management system. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.
- Dean’s and Assistant Dean’s Reports
 Upon stating that things were “more or less” back to normal post-Hurricane Irma, Dean Smith announced OGS’s new initiative to take a detailed look at all financial awards/fellowships currently offered by the Office. As part of the enterprise, OGS will review the standards by which awards and fellowships are bestowed and the stipulations under which students agree when accepting awards and fellowships. OGS anticipates addressing disparities between the aforementioned conditions as well as determining whether award/fellowship amounts are sufficient.
 - A secondary component of the review will include determining how much “bang for the buck” both USF and students receive in regards to graduation/completion rates, post-graduate placement, and, potentially, 5-year post-placement in order to determine return on investment.

An update on the University’s current financial state was requested. Dean Smith acknowledged the dynamics currently influencing the University’s current position, with particular emphasis on Hurricane recovery, Performance-based Funding, and Preeminence.

Dr. Bahr announced the Scholars of Excellence luncheon next Friday, October 27th. This year’s recipient list is posted to the OGS website.

 - Receptions for the Outstanding Mentor Award, Presidential Doctoral Fellowships, and Genshaft Family Doctoral Fellowships will be held at a later date.

Thirty students are participating in the 3MT® (Three Minute Thesis) Competition. “Heats” are being held in various locations across campus to encourage faculty and family participation. Finals will be held at the Marshall Center. Dr. Bahr will accompany the winning student to the national competition at the Southern Council of Graduate Schools.
- Degree Termination: CIP 1401010 – Ph.D. in Engineering
 Approved pending signature of USF DIEO.

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8. New Business
There was no new business.
9. Chair's Report
Dr. Permuth asked attendees to consider how Council might address the issue of faculty serving as dissertation advisors when they have limited research experience and/or activity.
10. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10 PM.