

Council Chair: Steve Permut	
Policy/Fellowship Committee	EX OFFICIO (NON-VOTING)
Bahner, Ingrid - POLICY/FELLOWSHIP CHAIR	Dwayne Smith, Dean, OGS
Barkasy, Theresa, GC Student rep	Paul Sanberg, VP, Research and Innovation
Buck, Harleah	Ruth Bahr, Assoc. Dean, OGS
Guldiken, Rasim	Shyam Mohapatra, Assoc Dean, Pharmacy
Seibel, Brad	Erin Sauer, Co-Pres, GAU
Shaw, Lindsey Absent	Marcy Cockrell, Co-Pres GAU
Taylor, Hope, GC Student Rep GTM	Vanessa Burshnic, GPSC President
Uysal, Askin Absent	
Wheeler, Pat	
Xue, Bin Absent	
Zgibor, Janice	
TBA - BC, TA	
Curriculum Committee	LIAISONS
Centner, Raymond, GC Student Rep	Carol Hines-Cobb, Assitant Director, Academics
Daughdrill, Gary	Joseph Butts, Assistant Director, Academics
Dave, Vrushank	Brandis Waiz, Acad. Prog. Spec - Grad Course Liaison
Do Nascimento Nunes, Cecilia Absent	Toure Rider, Acad Svcs Adm, InEd
Hallock-Muller, Pam GTM	Renita Wasilefsky, Enroll Mgmt Spec.
Johansson, Marcia Absent	Francisco Vera, Sr. Asst Director, Grad Admissions
Kirby, Russell	Katie Wagner, Associate Dir., Admissions
Plank, Richard - CURRICULUM CHAIR	Cynthia Brown Hernandez, Assoc. Dir, System Academics
Savachkin, Alex	Mark Wrona, Associate VP
TBA – BC, ED, LIB, TA	Theresa Chisolm, AVP
	Roger Brindley, AVP USF World
	Cindy DeLuca, Assoc. VP for In Ed.

## OCTOBER MINUTES

### Graduate Council Minutes, Oct. 15, 2018

- New members will start in Nov. 2018. They will be introduced to the norms of the committee.
- Sept. 2018 minutes approved
- Dean and Assoc. dean reports first as per the request of Dr. Permut.

#### 1. Dean:

- Presidential search firm “Greenwood Search Firm” is based in Florida. Therefore, they are familiar with Florida politics have some sense of how to approach for a new candidate. The intent is to have the search by March 2019 in a fast track manner.
- Three Campus Consolidation Firm hired. There will be restructuring of most of the graduate program.
- Need Speedy response.
- Role of OGS is not well defined yet for consolidation of 3 campuses
- Ramifications of the role of the Grad council and its composition is not defined yet.
- There is a new Tenure and promotion system. Past Friday there was a meeting in this regard; details not in yet.

#### 2. Dr. Ruth Bahr:

- There will be merging of programs across campuses
- For Consolidations, everybody gets catalog copies; 150 total programs of which 85 do not have common core; compliance a must
- Our catalog should be in excellent shape (with suggestions for revision noted for compliance.
- The OGS/University is purchasing a catalog system. That is one of the reasons, in addition to the reconsolidation, why there is suspension on curricular activities. UCF is using the same system (DigArc).
- API link on website... to the catalog (need to be updated).
- Old PDF Version to be updated now and the New System by next year.
- There will be STANDARD FORMAT FOR ALL 150, which will have new stuff.
- Also, looking at Graduate Certificates (low productivity -will be removed/restructured/refreshed); Same is true for

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accelerated program (there will be reduction and removal).

-- Website and catalog does not match in many cases. SACS matches them and will cite the difference. So everyone is urged to sync the two.

-- A Minimum of two courses under same CIP in Core course in all programs.

-- Timeline asked by Dr. Permuth. Data and bullets on when, what need to be met.

-- New model for consolidation and restructuring of programs should be ready by March 2019 and the final version will be in effect from Aug. 2020. For this to happen, start communicating with your college graduate directors and deans.

Dr. Permuth will release the new ideas and suggestions sent to Carol in 2 weeks

Carol Hines-Cobb: As per Sunshine law, do not email ideas amongst the committee members.

--Dr. Bahr: 27 students for graduate Symposium; April in Miami is State Symposium.

#### **Policy/Fellowship Committee report motion passes:**

INGRID BAHNER: Grad Policy Committee report motion passes. She showed a slide from the Policy Report with following points.

1. Admission date revision for depts. with some flexibility.
2. Statement of principles to get the best students for our Programs
3. Comprehensive Exam – Can it be done outside? does it have to be at USF?? Transferring from other University. The discussion is underway. We do not want low quality PhD thesis from students coming from other Universities.
4. There are students with incomplete course requirement and PI/students are not available to meet at the time of the move. Unlike other Florida State Universities, we allow 67% of credits from other institution, rest from USF. This needs to be fixed. We do not know the exact number of students that needs this correction.

Carol Hines-Cobb- As was the case earlier, now, board of regents does not apply degree requirements; it is now with each BOT.

5. Nepotism on Committee: Husband & wife on the same committee. Does it tantamount to nepotism?

Dr. Permuth added: If they are partners, what is the policy? Also, student & committee members relationship need to be clarified in the policy for nepotism. – Clear grievance mechanism must be in place if the student thinks that there is such nepotism.

6. Current policy - Major Professor cannot be affiliate faculty on a student's graduate committee. They can be Co-Major.

#### **Curriculum committee report motion passes:**

All courses were discussed via telecommunication. Four courses Change and two NEW.

**Dr. Plank:** This committee's main goal is to see compliance of the syllabus as per BOG and SACS = All approve. Pass unanimously.

Termination of Real Estate Course. Termination condition on approval by the college by Friday. **Confirmed.**

The committee is of the opinion that the BOG sees that low graduate enrolment cannot sustain a course/program. Mostly look at Majors not Concentrations.

#### **CONSOLIDATION REPORT: DR. PERMUTH:**

--VIEWS on consolidation remains diff. at St. Pete & Sarasota (std. for tenure & promotion, graduation etc). This will ultimately affect Tampa campus

--But consolidation is a must to maintain pre-eminence. Even if we lose 0.1 pt in the metrics we will lose \$ 5 Million.

Dr. Permuth wants a draft with ideas on: How should a graduate campus be and what are the salient points each committee members want to make to present a united front for Tampa Campus.

There are concepts at "United faculty of FI and USF chapter" How to coordinate teaching at other campuses...The so called Home and Host campuses. ..THOUGHTS FROM COMMITTEE) must go to Dr. PERMUTH once he provide sufficient data on Tampa and other campuses. We do know that ~80% students are at Tampa Campus; but Tampa campus is understaff (F/S ratio?? Not known)

-Dr. Buck, a committee member, wants a win-win situation. Her advice: Bring people from other campuses for discussion.

--Dr. Permuth lamented that many Faculty do not read Thesis. This is a big problem. Some have 40 thesis a year; too much of a burden.

-- Some discussions are taking place on New Consolidate Senate with 33% representation from each. Likewise, all Dept will have 1

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representative/campus.

Ingrid mentioned that at Indiana Univ. there are 9 campus and yet they have had positive outcome. However, Dr. Bahr mentioned that our Agency (SACs) is diff. from Penn State and Indiana. We do not have an option. We have to follow as per what they say, while Penn State Etc. can go their own way.  
Dr. Plank- President is looking at the Rutgers system. Our idea is to be an advisory body.  
St. Pete feels they have no voice, therefore to assert their viewpoints they are well prepared than Tampa Campus.

Dr. Bahr- Is of the opinion that one Grad. Council is not a good idea. Other two campuses will have one college & diff. grad. Council.

Sarasota has an independent College of engineering and they like it. Colleges will work as they are.

Status of Office of Graduate Studies - it might again become a School? Not sure.

Dr. Permeth: If a NEW GOVERNOR comes, he may not like the Board of Trustee; most might be gone. We do not know....

--Also, it was requested that a draft copy of Lake Huron- Advisory group. 85 pages. PDF must be circulated amongst committee members to generate ideas to be given to Carol.

-- Once data are available to Dr. Permeth from Carol, Ruth & Dean, it will be distributed and the members can send their ideas and comments to Ms. Hines-Cobb as per Sunshine law. When the committee meets on Nov. 26 these ideas will be discussed. One suggestion was that in 2 weeks ideas can be passed on to Dr. Permeth by Ms. Cobb. Later, there will be a full presentation in front of the Senate.

Dr. Bahr says Johns Hopkins and All Children's working with St. Pete campus to have College of Med.

Lastly, Dr. Permeth asked that everybody introduce themselves; the committee members did. Current members were excused to leave while New members stayed for a brief orientation discussion. Meeting adjourned.

--Vrushank Davé  
Oct. 15, 2018

Next meetings: Committees November 5; Full Council: November 26