

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 30, 2021**

**Guests and substitutes in attendance:** Gary Carini, Enrique Smith-Forbes, LaToya Hall, Meg Hoefer, Lesa Lawson, Brett Powell, Lauren Vorderkunz, David Winkler, Nolan Yard.

**Graduate School deans and staff in attendance:** Larry Lyon, Beth Allison Barr, Sara Dolan, Steve Driese, Chris Rios, Anna Henderson, Sheila Dooley, Sandra Harman, Tosha Hendrickson, Alanna Martinez, Dana Matthews, Alana Schaeper, Laura Sepanski.

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Graduate School Dean, Larry Lyon, greeted the group. He mentioned that technical support from Eric Hooley and David Winkler facilitated this virtual meeting. Dean Lyon welcomed newest GPDs individually. Anna Wells led the invocation.

Dean Lyon introduced the Graduate School Associate Deans.

**Minutes Review and Approval**

The minutes from April 16, 2021 were presented for review – no changes noted.

Voting results: passed 57-0

**Dr. Beth Allison Barr**

Oversees Professional Development and Assessment

- Ongoing Graduate School Updates + 2 week Outlook
- Change in Assessment Tools – GPD Self-Assessment dropped. SACS assessment forms will include questions replacing GPD self-assessment.

Q. The SACS assessment is usually due in June and the self-assessments were due in December. Will that be changing?

A. There are no longer self-assessments. There are only the SACS assessment which is usually due June 30.

**Dr. Driese & Dr. Dolan**

- Dr. Driese offered his thanks to the Grad School as he transitions to retirement.
- deadlines for STEM curriculum committee review established to accommodate the committee's schedule.

Dean Lyon thanked Dr. Driese on his service.

**Dr. Chris Rios**

Oversees Recruitment and Admissions

- Ignite as it relates to stipends and tuition.
- Refer to your HCM for End of Term process.
- Reach out to him for stipend questions instead of HR.

## **Dean Lyon**

### Rapidly Changing Grad School

- Student population: counts and distributions
- Delivery of instruction
- On campus doctorates, on campus masters, online professionals
- Growing research metrics
  - Growth is unprecedented. Mainly with online professional programs, growing research metrics, research doctoral growth in STEM, EdD/LOC coming, new way of thinking about grad programs.

Q. Does this count the actual publication, regardless of number of Baylor co-authors, or does it count faculty co-authors who report publishing an article?

A. Example: 3 Baylor authors = 1 count publication.

## **Dr. Gary Carini**

### Graduate and Professional Education

#### Goals for Graduate Professional Education (GPE): Provost's goals (21-22)

- GPE 10-year projections
- Largest programs
- New and forthcoming programs

## **Danielle Fearon**

### Institutional Research and Testing

#### Program Profile revision update

- Overview of Grad Program Profile
- Fall 2021, new profile
  - Re-categorization of degree programs into 3 areas, and removal and addition of key indicators
    - On-Campus Traditional Research Doctoral Programs
    - On-Campus Masters Programs
    - Online Professional Programs

Q. What if there are MS programs that are not listed in the On-Campus programs?

A. Focus on your largest group.

Q. Our Online DNP Executive Nurse Leadership program is not listed

A. It has been added.

Q. Does the three-fold categorization mean that Baylor is opposed to non-professional but online Master's programs, or just that we don't have any?

A. Most online Master's programs are now professional focused programs but not formal opposition.

Q. I saw the Online MSW program listed in Gary's report as an Online Graduate Professional Program but I did not see it listed in Larry's list of these programs. The PhD in Social Work was listed but not the MSW.

A. The School of Social Work's Online MSW is not under the purview of the Graduate School like the PhD is.

## **Proposal: PhD in Public Health**

### Dr. Driese & Dolan (proposal)

#### Dr. Eva Doyle who presented the proposal

- Not a DrPH (practice degree, rather than research)
- 133 PhD programs nationwide – 67 schools of public health

Q. Is 3 years standard in this field (5 is standard in ours)?

A. No stated standard in PH about PhD programs. Committed students can complete within that time.

Q. Must students enter with an MPH?

A. Yes.

Q. Is this online / distance, or on-campus?

A. On-campus.

Voting results: passed 56–0

**Proposal: Military OTD**

Dr. Bennett (proposal)

COL Smith-Forbes

- OT employment is projected to grow 17% from 2020 to 2030
- 10,000+ openings for OTs projected for each year over the decade

Q. Would this be open to civilians or just to Army personnel?

A. Yes, open to both. If a civilian, will have to enlist as a commissioned officer.

Voting results: passed 54-0

**Proposal: MA in Global Ethics**

Dr. Barr (proposal)

Dr. Martens

- Hong Kong Baptist University (partnership)
  - Existing, similar program at HKBU.

Q. Does it have the potential to expand to other areas - business for example?

A. Yes, open to further discussion once program moves forward.

Voting results: passed 51-1

Break

No minutes were taken during the breakout session.

Grad Council dismissed.