

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2023

Guests and substitutes in attendance: Jared Alcántara, Jason Carter, Kevin Chambliss, Mark Flinn, Ian Gravagne, Tiffany Hogue, Enid Watkins Holleyman, Sharra Hynes, Whitney Jones, Brian Jordon, Christie Sayes, Scott Varda.

Graduate School deans and staff in attendance: Larry Lyon, Sara Dolan, Sheila Dooley, Tosha Hendrickson, Bill Hockaday Eric Hooley, Dana Matthews, Chris Rios, Alana Schaeper, Laura Sepanski, David Winkler.

Graduate School Dean, Larry Lyon, greeted the group. The invocation was led by Eva Doyle.

Minutes Review and Approval

The minutes from May 2, 2023 were presented for review and approved without changes.

Strategic Planning Listening Sessions

Moderator, Tiffany Hogue, addressed the GPDs and instructed the group to join their respective breakout sessions: (1) On Campus Masters Programs, (2) Online/Hybrid Programs, (3) Research Doctoral Programs. Each room moderator led the group discussions, centered around the same (5) questions.

Staffing: Enid Watkins Holleyman

Cashion 501: Alcántara, Chambliss (On Campus Masters programs).

Cashion 502: Hynes, Carter (Online/Hybrid programs).

Cashion 506: Hogue, Jones (Research Doctoral programs).

Degree Proposals

GPDs returned to the main room to continue with the Graduate Council meeting. Dean Lyon called on the Graduate Curriculum Chairs to introduce each of the Program Proposals scheduled on the Board of Regents agenda for the November meeting.

Sara Dolan introduced the MFA Film & Digital Media. Dan Shafer and Chris Hansen presented the proposal. Dean Lyon called for a vote.

Voting Results: Passed 48-2

Larry Lyon introduced the MS Educational Leadership and Organizational Change. Laila Sanguras presented the proposal. Terrill Saxon, co-presenter, corrected the degree name. It should read “MS Education – Learning and Organizational Change.” Dean Lyon called for a vote.

Voting Results: Passed 38-10

Bill Hockaday introduced the PhD in Materials Science and Engineering. David Jack presented the proposal. Dean Lyon called for a vote.

Voting Results: Passed 47-2

Chris Rios

Overview of the new Curriculum Inventory Management (CIM) system which replaces BearQuest for submissions to course and program changes.

Discussion on updating the catalog regarding admission to candidacy prompted additional questions from GPDs. Dr. Rios to circle back to this topic, after summer meeting with the Provost and further discussion with Grad School administrators to offer alternative solutions.

Sara Dolan

Announcement of additional apartments for graduate student housing.

New Grad Student Resources webpage is live.

Larry Lyon

Fall Enrollment numbers were presented.

Announcements – Dean Lyon

Results of proposal votes. Dean Lyon asked for questions or comments – none noted. Reminder that these proposals will be presented to the Board of Regents.

The Annual Report is scheduled for distribution in November/December 2023. Note that mentoring is a major initiative.

Meeting ended and Dean Lyon dismissed the group.