

**Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022
Zoom**

Present:

Don Collins, Chair, Chemical & Environmental Engineering
Sarita See, Vice Chair and CCGA Representative, Media & Cultural Studies
Roya Bahreini, Environmental Sciences
Djurdjica Coss, School of Medicine
Todd Fiacco, MCSB
Long Gao, School of Business
Thomas Girke, Botany & Plant Sciences
Anthonia Kalu, Comparative Literature & Languages
Tanya Nieri, Sociology
David Oglesby, Earth Sciences
Jonathan Ritter, Music
Kate Sweeny, Psychology
Christiane Weirauch, Entomology
Nanpeng Yu, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Kara Oswood, guest, Graduate Division

Absent:

Hai-Bo Yu, Physics & Astronomy
Graduate Dean Shaun Bowler, ex officio
Dongwei Sun, GSA Representative, guest
Valeria Dominguez, GSA Representative, guest

Graduate Council approved the March 17, 2022 minutes as written.

Chair's Announcements

Chair Collins informed the committee that he is in receipt of another grade appeal. Chair Collins indicated that he has reviewed the grade appeal and asked Sarah Miller to email the Council all appeal materials, his analysis, and recommendation for an email vote. Chair Collins asked the Council to review the slides that were forwarded to them from Graduate Dean Bowler regarding TAs and GSRs. The Graduate Dean recommends that programs appoint GSRs at a Step 4 or above.

CCGA Representative Announcements

Vice Chair See thanked the Council for their feedback on the English language testing requirement for CCGA. Vice Chair See reported that the APC working group is proposing to remove the systemwide review of new masters programs, these programs would obtain their final approval at the campus level. The CCGA Chair made a powerful presentation about why this change is a bad idea and it is looking promising that this change will not end up happening. There is a possible compromise being discussed in which the front-end solicitation of external reviewers for new masters proposals will occur earlier in the process, perhaps at the campus level.

GSA Representative(s) Announcements

The GSA representatives were absent.

Graduate Dean Announcements

Dean Bowler was absent.

Courses & Programs Subcommittee

1. EE MS program change – *approved*.
2. Entomology program change – *approved*.
3. Entomology GRE program change – *approved*.
4. SoE – MEd, EDPAL program change – *approved*.
5. SoE – MA and PhD – *approved*.
6. SPP – MPP – *approved*.

Procedures for Internal Reviews of Combined Undergraduate & Graduate Degree Programs – with CEP’s latest revisions highlighted & underlined

The Council reviewed and approved the revised procedures proposed by CEP.

[Campus Review] New Master’s Degree Proposal: 2nd Round-Proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Computational Data Science

The Council discussed and approved the revised version of this proposal.

[Campus Review] New Graduate Program Proposal: 2nd Round-Program of Graduate Studies in Astronomy for the Ph.D. Degree

The Council reviewed the revised proposal and had suggested edits to make the proposal clearer.

Discussion & draft document regarding the impact of Native & Indigenous identity theft and fraudulence on graduate education

The Council discussed the draft memo from the Council to the Chancellor, Provost, VPAP, VPAR, VCRED, all Deans, Senate Chair, and CCGA Chair regarding the impacts of Native and Indigenous identity theft and fraudulence on graduate students, faculty, and staff. The Council decided to continue to review and finalize the draft memo by email.

[Campus Review] Consultation: Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives for 2022 to 2027

The Council reviewed the five-year planning perspectives for 2022 to 2027 and pointed out that the acronym for the proposed new department of Environment, Sustainability, and Health Equity was changed from ESHQ to ESHE.

Graduate Program Reviews

- A. **Anthropology F&R** – The Council reviewed and approved the draft F&R as written.
- B. **English F&R** – The Council reviewed and approved the draft F&R as written.

Anthropology graduate admissions issue

It was brought to the Council’s attention that graduate admissions had been stopped for the Anthropology graduate program by the CHASS Dean due to an active and ongoing NAGPRA investigation. The Council agreed that more facts are needed and very quickly. Many members felt that if a moratorium was to be placed on the graduate program, it should be for a future cohort, not the Fall 2022 incoming cohort in which perspective students have already been recruited and contacted. The Council was extremely alarmed by the administration’s lack of Senate consultation, specifically with the Graduate Council. The Council discussed and drafted a list of questions they would like answered by the administration. The Council will finalize and send a memo to the

Provost, CHASS Dean, Anthropology Chair, CHASS Executive Committee Chair, Senate Chair, Graduate Dean, and Anthropology faculty.