

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2025 – AC 401

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annette Barnes (DNP/MSN), Jennifer Bergner (MSME), Joshua Bolton (Fulton School Rep), Melissa Bugdal (At-Large Perdue School Rep), David Burns (PUBCOMM), Mark deSocio (GIS), Memo Diriker (Faculty Senate Liaison), Yvonne Downie-Hanley (MBA), Maida Finch (EDD), James Fox (EDLD), Elizabeth Geiger (OGS), Clifton Griffin (Dean of Graduate School), Jen Hart (CHHS Rep - Spring 25), Martin Hunter (Registrar), Scott Mazzetti (HHPF), Ruth Malone (CURRMED), Heather Porter (Seidel Rep), Jessica Scott (OGS), Christine Spillson (At-Large Henson School Rep)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Bernhard (ENGL), Amanda Hill (CHHS Rep – On Leave), Abigail Isaacson (GSC), Aston Gonzalez (HIST), Allen Koehler (AVP Enrollment Management), Eric Liebgold (BIO), Stephen Oby (MSW), Ignaciyas Soosaipillai (CADR), Erin Stutelberg (MAT)

GUESTS:

Zebadiah Hall – V.P. of Inclusion, Access & Belonging

I. Call to Order – 3:35 pm

II. Good News

- Nursing is holding their first Preceptor Appreciation event (virtually). Sent out goodie bags to 85 people.
- Library services are now being offered to all online students. There are no distance restrictions.

III. Zoom/Teams Update – Jim Fox

- Survey was sent to people with large online presence.
- Concerns:
 - There are serious pedagogical concerns and online faculty see benefits of Zoom over Teams for online instruction
 - There have been mixed messages coming out of IT regarding future of Zoom.
 - Important to have working product in front of students as we try to grow enrollment.
 - Not user-friendly for advising
 - IT cannot ensure that Teams will work with digital platforms used by CSA, Writing Center, etc.
 - We must consider students with accommodations
- Grad Council will review current list of concerns and send concerns to Faculty Senate and Provost.

IV. Strategic Planning – Zebadiah Hall

- Due to confidential nature of these conversations, there were no formal minutes taken. Dean Griffin was asked to send overarching points to Mr. Hall to be added to his overall report.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by Jessica Scott