

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2024 - ZOOM

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Annette Barnes, DNP, MSN  
Jennifer Bergner, MSME  
Stephanie Bernhard, ENGL  
Richard Bowler, HIST  
Melissa Bugdal, Fulton School Rep  
David Burns, COMM  
Doug DeWitt, MED  
Memo Diriker, Faculty Senate Liaison  
Yvonne Downie-Hanley, MBA  
Maida Finch, EDD  
James Fox, EDLD  
Elizabeth Geiger, OGS  
Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies  
Samantha Hicks, GSC  
Amanda Hill, CHHS Rep  
Elizabeth Kressin, Registrar

Scott Mazzetti, HHPF  
Heather Porter, Seidel Rep  
Jessica Scott, OGS

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Thomas Boudreau, CADR  
Martin Hunter, Registrar  
Allen Koehler, AVP Enrollment Management  
Eric Liebgold, BIO  
Ruth Malone, REED  
Stephen Oby, MSW Erin Stutelberg, MAT  
Andrea Presotto, GIS

I. Call to Order – 3:30pm.

II. Opening Remarks

- D. DeWitt announced he will be retiring. He thanked Grad Council for their continued efforts and is proud of the accomplishments they made during his time at SU.
- Several Grad Council members thanked D. DeWitt for his leadership, especially during the planning and approval stages for the new graduate school.

III. GSC Remarks

- GSC hosted a lot of events on campus including multiple socials, a Grad Night in the Box and partnered with the Counseling Center to discuss student mental health.
- The GSC had regularly scheduled meetings with the Provost and the President to present ideas.
- Starting in Fall 24, GSC will focus on addressing the needs of our international graduate students.
- Elections just occurred and the incoming group is very excited.

IV. Elections

- Chair
  - M. Finch volunteered to serve as Chair. She was elected unanimously.
- Vice Chair
  - The Vice-Chair position will be filled at the September meeting.
- Graduate Curriculum Council

- A. Barnes and J. Bergner will return. A. Hill volunteered to serve as well. A. Barnes will serve as Chair.
- Academic Policies Committee
  - Will table for now until APC has a charge.

#### V. Graduate Enrollment – C. Griffin

- Summer and fall applications are +29 YTD. Many applications are still open so we're hopeful we will see a bigger increase.
- Fall 24 enrollment goal was 875. The overall FA 24 goal was decreased to 803 to be more conservative. Please look at the active list that J. Scott has provided. It has extensive info on who needs to enroll. We should be targeting them to enroll as soon as possible.
- As of today's meeting we're -30 YTD.
- M. Finch – It would be helpful for program directors to strategize on ways to get applicants to accept admission. She also thanked J. Fox for his suggestion of using personal videos to communicate with applicants.

#### VI. Grad School Update – C. Griffin

- Now that school is officially approved, what now?
- Working with Jason Curtin on naming rights.
- May try to pull together a small group to discuss what the expectations are.
- M. Finch – Can we see the scope of grad schools at other schools?

#### VII. Dean's Remarks

- Hearty thanks to Doug for his leadership for several years. His leadership was instrumental in helping secure the support needed for the Graduate School.

#### VIII. Other Remarks

- M. Dirker – Please provide bullet points so I may them with Faculty Senate.
- C. Griffin provided the following:
  - Successful approval of Graduate School
  - Approved New Programs (Communication)
  - Strong collaboration with GSC
  - Advocating for resources for students and faculty
  - Will send enrollment information
- A. Barnes – Working on a DNP Leadership accreditation which will be the only one in the State of Maryland.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Submitted by Jessica Scott