GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 26th, 2021

The Graduate Council met virtually on Monday, April 26th, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Jim Mensch, Chair; Drs. Suzanne Adlof, Nate Bell, Matt Boylan, Subra Bulusu, Joanna Casey, Robin DiPietro, Elise Ince, Hippokratis Kiaris, Carmen Maye, Srihari Nelakuditi, Spencer Platt, Stephen Shapiro, Sheryl Wiskur, Nikki Wooten, Songhua Xu, and Sudipta Saha (GSA Representative).

Graduate Council members absent: Dr. Shanna Harrington (excused).

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Tracey Weldon-Stewart, Dr. Toby Jenkins, Dr. Murray Mitchell (Secretary), Dale Moore, Wright Culpepper, and Wanda Barr

Provost Office Representative: Trena Houp

Guests: Dr. Jean Ellis (Geography), Dr. Michael Bizimis (SEOE), Dr. Pelin Pekgun-Cakmak (DMSB), Shudan Huang (GSA), and Maggie Carson (GSA)

NOTE: These minutes will become final on May 10, 2021 if not challenged.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Jim Mensch, Chair)
    The meeting was called to order at 2:00p.m., and the agenda was unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of the Minutes from March 22, 2021**. Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at:
    http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp
    The minutes from March were unanimously approved.

3. **Report of the Chair** (Jim Mensch)
    Dr. Mensh reminded the members of the Graduate Council that each member is the liaison back to their departments and colleges. It is a very important function that they serve here on Graduate Council, and it is imperative that they take the valuable information back to their colleagues and let them know what is going on.

4. **Report of the Interim Dean of Graduate School** (Tracey Weldon)
    Dr. Weldon mentioned last month that we were in the process of hiring a data analyst. The Provost and the Graduate School have welcomed Dr. Angelina Sylvain and her title is Special Assistant to the Provost and Vice Dean of Graduate Education. Please click on the following link for more information about Dr. Sylvain:

We are currently in the process of recruiting for the Senior Diversity Recruiter for the Graduate School. The ad is open, and we are accepting applications. We are hoping to fill this position by June 15th. Dr. Toby Jenkins, Interim Associate Dean, is chairing the search committee. If you know of anyone who would be interested and a possible good applicant, please encourage them to apply.

We have sent out information to eligible graduates regarding the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony that will take place next Saturday on May 8th at 2:30p.m. The following link gives information as to how this ceremony will work this year. It will be a bit non-traditional given the need for socially distancing. The graduate faculty have been informed as to how this Hooding Ceremony will work and how they may participate this year. If anyone has questions, have them contact her or Dale Moore for assistance.
https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/graduate_school/academics/commencement/doctoral_hooding/index.php

5. **Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council** (Murray Mitchell)
    Dr. Mitchell reminded the members that the meeting was being recorded. Your continued participation represents your consent to be recorded. We are still accepting nominations for next year's Graduate Council. Tenure track faculty and Associate Graduate Faculty members are eligible to be nominated. He has received several nominees already but there are some additional slots left to be filled. We cannot have more than one person from the same department on the Council, but we can have multiple members from the same college.

    Our next Graduate Council meeting will be on May 10th at 2p.m. This is the final meeting for the academic year. Please remember that May and December meetings take place on the second Monday of those months. We hope to have the nominees join us for our next meeting so that they can get a feel of what is required to serve.

    We held a Graduate Directors meeting this month. We try to have one meeting per semester. Graduate Directors feel that they are occasionally out of the loop with respect to policies and procedures. They are continuously looking to us for some strategy to get information out to them. It is most helpful if you take the information from Graduate Council back to your programs, departments, and colleges. We also do share the Minutes of Graduate Council with department chairs and deans. There is a brief executive summary in the email of the minutes just in case someone does not want to open the attachment. We are a big institution with a ton of great information and resources, but it is sometimes difficult to find. We are trying to streamline information from the Graduate School's perspective.

6. **Report of the Interim Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Associate Director, Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program** (Toby Jenkins)
    Dr. Jenkins shared that they recently created an electronic newsletter called *DEI Connections* which gives an update of various events and programs across campus and free events happening nationally that come across her desk. They try to get the information out collectively to graduate students and try to find a way to collapse a few things together for the students. They also include links to campus diversity events calendars and some main spaces and resources to remind them of where to find things on campus. They continue to hear from students who are in online programs who still want to feel connected to campus and want to know what virtual opportunities are going on. They have done one in April and probably will try to get another one out in May for the end of the academic year and

pick up again in August. It will eventually transition to online to the Graduate School's website instead of sending it out as a document.

In the April edition, they included an Asian-Pacific Islander Dashi American Affinity Group being developed that will meet on Monday evening via Zoom. This initial meeting is just for them. They want to form as a student body first, and then they will announce opportunities for allies and faculty and staff who are interested in supporting ways to get involved moving into in the fall.

They have finished their program scholar admissions for the Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Programs. They are excited to welcome 14 new scholars next year. With the support of the UofSC to expand and grow that program, we have a strong number of scholars. Many of them are coming from many of your programs from across campus. We will probably make that official announcement with welcome and introduction in August leading into the fall.   As we expand and grow that program and other scholar communities, it will have a residual good impact on your programs and the University at large as students see this as one collective graduate experience.

They are in the process of reviewing admissions for the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program. In the coming weeks, she will be reaching out to many of you as we are wanting to recapture the scholars on campus who are actively receiving funding and those who have received funding in the past. They would like to get a comprehensive list of present and past recipients to keep track of them.

7. **Report on Professional Development** (Wright Culpepper)
Wright reported that they wrapped up Discover UofSC last Friday, April 23, in a virtual format, and it was very well attended across the University. They were approaching 1,000 presentations from undergraduates, graduates, post docs, and medical scholars. They had about 125 poster presentations from graduate students and about 45 three-minute thesis presentations. This was all done virtually, and everyone did an amazing job considering the unique circumstances that we all faced this year. The winners of each competition will be posted on the Office of the Vice President for Research website soon. All poster presentations will be available for anyone to view on the public facing website on the Office of the Vice President for Research page for the next six months. They will find a way to share the three-minute thesis competition presentations one way or another as all four sessions were recorded. Much of the professional development workshop scheduling this semester and especially this past month was centered around preparing for Discover UofSC. As we move into this summer, we will be laying the groundwork for the fall semester. If you have any suggestions or ideas that you would like to share, please reach out to him.

Lastly, if you have any compelling stories about students who are about to graduate, he would love to speak with you and the students as to how he can tell their story. If they have already found employment or are about to make exciting career moves, he would love to hear about them. He wants to weave these stories into recruitment feedback. He would like to tie these concepts together and gauge what the students gained from a professional development perspective. He wants to do a better job of keeping track of our graduates and telling their stories and highlighting the things we are able to do through them while they are here and when they go off and do great things.

8. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Sudipta Saha)
Sudipta reported that GSA elections were held on March 30th and March 31st. This election resulted in a run-off election for the position of President. The newly elected candidates are as follows:

- Shudan Huang   President
- Somwya Raghu   Vice President

- Kyle Radke   Treasurer
- Maggie Carson   Graduate Council Representative

One of the major events that GSA held this month was the inaugural Graduate Student Recognition Awards on April 17th. We realized that the scope of recognition for graduate students is very limited in our University. The sheer number of applications alone reflects the hunger and demand for this type of recognition. Altogether, around 250 students applied or were nominated for 7 categories of awards. We were fortunate to have President Caslen, Interim Dean Tracey Weldon, and Dr. Anna Edwards from Student Life as guests of honor for this event. Throughout this effort, we also established a collaborative relationship with University Libraries, Leadership and Service Center, and the Center for Teaching Excellence. It has been well received in the student community. We look forward to continuing this in coming years.

Last week, GSA executives met with Provost Tate and Interim Dean Weldon about the health insurance subsidy for the graduate assistants. Provost Tate agreed that graduate assistants should receive full health insurance coverage at no cost to them, but it is a question of the allocation of money. Provost Tate's office requires data as to how many graduate assistants are currently being paid stipends, is their insurance already covered by external funding, etc. Interim Dean Weldon and Maggie Carson also attended this meeting. With the current scenario, it will take a couple of years for the University to make the changes in budget planning. He raised the communication issue that graduate assistants need to be reassured that the people in leadership are thinking positively about them and setting a plan in motion. Provost Tate stated that he is not willing to make any announcements regarding this endeavor until a specific action is set in place.

This week, we will complete the transition of power. Our annual report is in progress, and it should be ready by the last meeting of Graduate Council in May. This will be his last meeting with the Graduate Council, and he will give highlights from the annual report.

9. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Nikki Wooten)
   No report.

10. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses and Distributed Learning** (Murray Mitchell)

    This report is presented to Council for informational purposes only; no action is necessary.

    500/600 Courses for April 2021 Grad Council
    (CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal)

    ARTH 569 (3) Special Topics in Film and Media Histories (Cross-listed with FAMS 510 & MART 592; CCP: Fall 2022)
    ARTS 545 (3) Internship in Graphic Design (CCP: Fall 2022)
    ARTS 546 (3) Graphic Design II (CCP: Fall 2022)
    ARTS 547 (3) Advanced Interaction Design (NCP: Fall 2022)
    ELCT 551 (3) Power Systems Design and Analysis (CCP: Fall 2022)
    EMCH 550 (3) Introduction to Nuclear Safeguards (CCP: Fall 2022)
    EMCH 552 (3) Introduction to Nuclear Engineering (CCP: Fall 2022)
    EMCH 553 (3) Nuclear Fuel Cycles (CCP: Fall 2022)
    EMCH 555 (3) Instrumentation for Nuclear Engineering (CCP: Fall 2022)

EMCH 55L (1) Nuclear Instrumentation Laboratory (CCP: Fall 2022)
EMCH 556 (3) Introduction to Risk Analysis and Reactor Safety (CCP: Fall 2022)
EMCH 557 (3) Introduction to Radiation Shielding and Sources (CCP: Fall 2022)
EMCH 558 (3) Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Systems (CCP: Fall 2022)
EMCH 573 (3) Introduction to Nuclear Materials (CCP: Fall 2022)
FAMS 510 (3) Special Topics in Film and Media Histories (Cross-listed with ARTH 569 &
        MART 592; CCP: Fall 2022)
HRTM 537 (3) Multi-Cultural Dimensions of the Hospitality Industry (CCP: Fall 2022)
HRTM 574 (3) The Global Business of Beverage Management (NCP: Fall 2021)
JOUR 591 (3) The Carolina Agency Management Training (NCP: Fall 2021)
LING 504 (3) Introduction to Spanish Linguistics (CCP: Fall 2022)
MART 592 (3) Special Topics in Film and Media Histories (Cross-listed with ARTH 569 &
        FAMS 510; CCP: Fall 2022)
PHIL 769 (3) Jurisprudence (CCP: Fall 2022; transitioning to PHIL 531)
PHMY 662 (3) Patient Care Fundamentals (NCP: Fall 2021)

Distributed Learning Proposals

CSCE 567 (3) Visualization Tools (CCP: Summer 2021)
EDSE 500 (3) Equity and Community Engagement (CCP: Summer 2021)
EDTE 500 (3) Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching I: PK-8 (NCP: Fall 2021)
HRTM 518(3) Hospitality Human Capital and Talent Management (CCP: Fall 2021)
HRTM 550 (3) Theme Park and Attractions Management (CCP: SU 2021)
HRTM 570 (3) Managing Food Service Operations (CCP: Fall 2021)
HRTM 584 (3) Tourism Information Technology Issues (CCP: SU 2021)
HRTM 592 (1) Golf Tourism Consumer Services (CCP: Fall 2021)
HRTM 593 (1) Golf Tourism Supervisory Skills (CCP: Fall 2021)
HRTM 594 (1) Golf Tourism Leadership Skills (CCP: Fall 2022)
MART 521A (3) Media Writing Advanced: Screenwriting (CCP: Fall 2021)
PEDU 660 (3) Counseling Student Athletes (CCP: SU 2021)
RETL 592 (3) Retailing/Fashion Merchandising Field Study (CCP: SU 2021)
SLIS 608 (3) Information Behavior and Practices (NCP: SU 2021)
SLIS 683 (3) News Literacy (NCP: SU 2021)
THEA 561 (3) History of the Theatre I (CCP: SU 2021)
THEA 563 (3) History of Modern Theatre (CCP: SU 2021)

11. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations (Murray Mitchell)

Name: **Suzanne Hardie** (PhD)
Program: Educational Leadership and Policies
Term: Fall 2020 – Spring 2026

Name: **John Holladay** (PhD)
Program: Drug Discovery and Biomedical Sciences
Term: Summer 2021 – Spring 2027

These nominations were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

12. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Joanna Casey)

Dr. Casey reported that they have completed the recruitment fellowships and are waiting for the deadlines for current student awards that came up around April 1st. They had 101 applications. Out of necessity, they had to separate into three groups. One group assessed the Deans Award for Excellence and Leadership and the Outstanding Thesis Award; a second group assessed the Outstanding Teaching Awards; and the third group assessed the Trustee Fellowships. The deadline for the submission of their rankings was Monday, April 26th, so they will be reviewing those over the next week or so. They will be able to announce the awardees after that.

The last award that needs to be ranked is the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) State Doctoral Scholars Program. There have been some changes to the review process; so, those nominations are not available yet. Wright Culpepper explained that SREB is an external award, and typically after the application period closes, they would usually notify the Committee go in and vet the applicants and hold our own selection process. This year, SREB is conducting their own internal vetting prior to handing all the applications over to us. The dates would have aligned perfectly with the workload that they were anticipating. They do know that they have 24 UofSC applicants for the two SREB awards. Once they have the full application files, they will be able to share with the Committee and will be working to vet the applicants from a programmatic standpoint.

Wright also confirmed that we now have full cohort of 12 Presidential Fellows. Covid made this selection process a little crazy this year, but he appreciates the patience of the graduate directors and programs as they sorted through the wait lists and filling of each slot.

13. **Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Hippokratis Kiaris)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Each curricular action can be viewed at this Public Agenda review site:

https://sc.edu/programproposal/agenda/?id=100&code=GCO

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- **ATEP 798** (1-3) Project in Athletic Education, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2022
- **BMSC 743** (2) Clinical Immersion for PAs, Medicine, CCP: Fall 2022
- **EPID 721** (2) Clinical and Population Research Protocol Development and Implementation, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EPID 722** (2) Scientific Writing and Appraisal of Epidemiologic Studies, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EPID 730** (3) Public Health Surveillance Systems, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2022
- **EPID 741** (3) Intermediate Epidemiologic Methods, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EPID 746** (3) Cancer Epidemiology, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2022
- **EPID 749** (3) Infectious Diseases Epidemiology, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2022
- **EPID 763** (3) Nutritional Epidemiology, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EPID 767** (3) GIS and Public Health Applications, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EPID 770** (3) Social Epidemiology, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EPID 777** (3) Genetic and Epigenetic Epidemiology, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EPID 796** (1) Integrated Learning Experience, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EPID 798** (2) Epidemiology Applied Practicum, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2021

- **HSPM 830** (3) Advanced Data Structures and Analytic Methods for Health Services Research, Public Health, NCP: Summer 2021
- **NPSY 757** (3) Psychopathology for Counselors, Medicine, CCP: Fall 2022
- **STAT Major / Degree Program,** PhD in Statistics, Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2022

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

14. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Robin DiPietro)

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- **EDCE 716** (3) Leaders in Counselor Education, Education, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EDCE 825** (3) Empirical Basis of Counseling, Education, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EDET 705** (3) The Learning Experience, Education, NCP: Fall 2021
- **EDRD 844** (3) Advanced Study of Language Acquisitions, Education, CCP: Fall 2022
- **EDSE 729** (3) Advanced Study of the Teaching of History and Social Studies in Secondary Schools, Education, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EDSE 733** (3) Selected Topics in Social Studies Education, Education, CCP: Fall 2021
- **EDTE 857** (3) Advanced Critical Race Theory and Education, Education, CCP: Fall 2021
- **HRTM 720** (3) Hospitality Finance Methods, HRSM, CCP: Fall 2021
- **MART 702** (3) Principles of Media Arts Practice, Arts and Sciences, CCP: Fall 2021
- **PEDU Major / Degree Program**, Master of Science in Coaching Education, Education, New Program: Fall 2022
- **PEDU 747** (3) Coaching Ethics, Law and Compliance, Education, NCP: Summer 2021
- **PSYC 815** (3) Introduction to Causal Inference, Arts and Sciences, NCP: Fall 2021
- **PSYC 826** (3) Longitudinal Data Analysis for the Behavioral Sciences, Arts and Sciences, NCP: Fall 2021
- **SLIS 782** (3) Social Justice Storytelling and Advocacy, Information & Communications, NCP: Summer 2021
- **ZZBA Major / Degree Program**, Master of Science in Business Analytics, Business, Change to Existing Program, Fall 2022
- **ZZMC Major / Degree Program**, MS Data and Communication, Information & Communication, New Program, Fall 2022

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

15. **Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee** (Carmen Maye)
No report.

16. Other Committee Reports

17. Old Business

18. New Business

19. Good of the Order
Dr. Mitchell reminded the members that the final meeting of this academic year is on May 10th, not the usual fourth Monday of the month.

20. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 2:42p.m.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

CC: Bob Caslen, President
William Tate, Provost
Tracey Weldon, Interim Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School
Deans
Department Chairs
Graduate Directors
Aaron Marterer, University Registrar
Elaine Belesky, Office of the Registrar
Malia Kiehl, Office of the Registrar
Tara Wright, Office of the Registrar