MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
June 22, 2021  
Virtual: Microsoft Teams

**Convene** – The meeting convened at 4:00 P.M. by Dr. Beth Boehm, Dean.

**Ex-Officio**: Dr. Beth Boehm, Dean and Dr. Paul DeMarco, Associate Dean

**Members Present**: Patrick Possel, Simona Bertacco, Dale Schuschke, Geoffrey Clark, Cara Cashon, Michele Kosiewicz, Michael McIntyre, Mary Hums, Robert Garrett, Matthew Nelson, Andy Frey, Lindsay Della, Mark Running, Tamara Sluss

**Members Absent**: Gerold Willing, Gina Bertocci, Stephanie Boone, Francis Hardin-Fanning, JoAnne Sweeny, Israel Curbelo, Kimberly Heller, Sarah Drerup, Jafar Hadizadeh, Michele Pisano, Bakeerathan Gunaratnam

**Guests:**  none

**Action Items:**

1. **Approval of minutes from February 23rd, 2021**

* Dr. DeMarco asked for review and approval of the council minutes from February 23rd, 2021. **MOTION** by Cara Cashon. SECOND by Andy Frey. Unanimously **APPROVED.**

1. **Consideration of a motion from Academic Affairs Committee for policy revisions regarding graduate certificate programs.**
   * Minimum Application Requirements for Graduate Programs section:
     1. It is at the discretion of the program whether there will be letters of recommendation required for admission
   * Requirements for Graduate Certificate Programs section:
     1. Graduate certificate programs must require at least nine (9) credit hours of graduate coursework at the 500 level or above
     2. Students must achieve 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average and be in satisfactory standing to be awarded certificate
     3. Council will need to check SACS guidelines with Bob Goldstein’s office
        1. Students must be admitted to the degree program in order to use certificate credits
     4. *Alternative language to add*: Course credit earned from one or more graduate certificate programs, and counted towards a master’s or doctoral degree, is subject to program approval and admission to the degree program, and must be consistent with the residency requirements of the degree program.
     5. **MOTION** by Cara Cashon. SECOND by Robert Garrett. Unanimously **APPROVED by the full Council.**
2. **Consideration of a motion from Academic Affairs Committee for policy revisions regarding accelerated degree programs.**
   * There was a change in maximum number of credit hours for graduate credit from nine (9) to twelve (12) hours
   * “Credit to program approval” was added in the language
   * **APPROVED by the full Council.**

**Discussion Items:**

1. Update on Fellowship Awards
   * 44 new University Fellowships awarded
     1. Includes Grosscurth and IPIBS matching programs in place for Speed School and School of Medicine, respectively
2. Update on Diversity Scholarship Awards
   * 12 new Diversity Scholarships awarded
     1. 11 Doctoral and 1 Master’s students funded
   * We currently have about 25 students funded across two years of the program
   * One of our Diversity Fellows was awarded a Research Fulbright
3. Update on new master’s student partial scholarship award program
   * 11 new Master’s Student Partial Tuition Awards awarded
   * We have funds to award 50 students
   * Will be advertised in advance next year

**Recommendations:** none

**Announcements**: none

**Update from Graduate Student Council –** There was no update from the Graduate Student Council. We will be having new members join in August.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

**Acknowledgment of service for outgoing members of the council.**

* Mark Running replaced by Joe Steffen
* David Scott has already transitioned off and is replaced with Michele Pisano
* Stephanie Boone replaced by Liza Creel
* Bakeerathan Gunaratnam replaced by Natalie Dupre
* Dale Schuschke replaced by Monica Wendel

Adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted 6/23/2021  
Reilly Brown, Administrative Associate*

*Approved Graduate Council Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*