MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
April 26, 2022  
Hybrid: Houchens, room 105 and Teams

**Convene** – The meeting convened at 3:30 P.M. by Dr. Beth Boehm, Dean.

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

**Members Present**: Simona Bertacco, Liza Creel, Lindsay Della, Natalie DuPre, Jafar Hadizadeh, Frances Hardin-Fanning, Daniel Holt, Michele Kosiewicz, Michael McIntyre, Matthew Nelson, Meghan Pifer, Michele Pisano, Patrick Possel, Christopher Ryan, Joe Steffen, Tamara Sluss, Anya Trell, Monica Wendel, Gerold Willing

**Members Absent**: Gina Bertocci, Geoffrey Clark, Andy Frey, Lidiya Grote, Mary Hums

**Guests:**  Karunarathna Kulasekera

**Action Items:**

1. **Approval of minutes from February 22, 2022**

* Dr. Boehm asked for review and approval of the council minutes from February 22, 2022. **MOTION** by Joe Steffen. **SECOND** by Meghan Pifer. Unanimously **APPROVED.**

1. **Vote for member to serve on Redbook committee for Presidential Search**
   * Committee voted between two candidates: Patrick Possel and Monica Wendel
   * Monica Wendel was elected to serve on the Redbook committee for the Presidential Search
2. **Approve degree candidates for Spring 2022**
   * Dr. Boehm asked for approval for five degree candidates from Interdisciplinary Studies. **MOTION** by Joe Steffen. **SECOND** by Tamara Sluss. Unanimously **APPROVED**.
     1. Two students from Sustainability, two from Healthcare Ethics, one from Translational Bioengineering
3. **Motion to present to Graduate Council:** 
   * Jafar Hadizadeh brought the motion of the proposal to terminate the ad hoc degree option from the Interdisciplinary Studies program. Automatically seconded. Unanimously **APPROVED.**
     1. There has been low productivity in these programs, and faculty enthusiasm for serving as mentors and on students’ thesis committees has been low, and many students have a difficult time finding faculty and coursework from doctoral programs that meets their proposed programs of study.
     2. We propose that the option to allow students to propose individualized (ad hoc) interdisciplinary degree programs be terminated from the overall Interdisciplinary Studies program.
     3. The option for faculty to propose interdisciplinary tracks should remain, as these have proven to be a valuable mechanism for faculty within standing degree programs.
4. **Approve revised Minimum Guidelines for Graduate Education** 
   * Jafar Hadizadeh brought the motion.

* + Approved by 2021-22 Academic Affairs Committee on 3/22/2022

1. **Kent School of Social Work and Family Science**
   * + 1. Council had concerns that there was not a requirement for letters of recommendation in the Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work Program
       2. Vote to approve the guidelines, pending the addition of the requirement of letters of recommendation. Unanimously **APPROVED**.
2. **School of Music**
   * + 1. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

* Guidelines still to be approved by Academic Affairs

1. **College of Business**
2. **Approve revised catalog language for international documents**

* Dr. Boehm asked for approval of the revised language. **MOTION** by Joe Steffen. **SECOND** by Tamara Sluss. Unanimously **APPROVED**.
  + There is now a **requirement** for evaluation of all transcripts from outside the United States for all programs
  + Services have been expanded to all those approved by NACES, some of which are less costly to students
  + This will take effect in the new catalog

**Update from Graduate Student Council –** Anya Trell (President of Graduate Student Council) provided the following updates:

* + New executive members will be announced soon
  + Overview of the year:
    - GSC bylaws and constitution has been revised
    - Hosted first in-person Graduate Student Research Conference
    - First in-person Halloween party
    - Dispersed 29 research grants, 5 RSO support grants, and 172 travel grants
    - Hosted Graduate Student Appreciation Week events

**Information Items:** none

**Discussion Items:** none

**Recommendations:** none

**Announcements**: none

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted 4/27/2022  
Reilly Brown, Administrative Associate*

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