

MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL FOR 2021

October 5, 2021

Next meeting: *Tuesday, November 2, 2:00-3:30*

Participating Members of the Council and Retirement Dates:

George Flowers (Dean), Maria Witte (Associate Dean), Julie Reece (Assistant to Dean), Libba McMillan (2022), Justin Benefield (2022), Forrest Smith (2022), Matthew Hoch (2023), Lorenzo Cremaschi (2023), Lori Eckhardt (2023), Nedret Billor (2023), Stephen Erath (2023), Ya-Xiong Tao (2024), Valentina Hartarska (2024), Jeff Kim (2024), Christopher Clemons (2024), Jaena Alabi (2024), Oluchi Oyekwe (GSC).

APPROVED MINUTES:

- September 7, 2021

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update on Fall 2021 graduate enrollment

A report was provided regarding the Fall 2021 census enrollment for graduate programs. This included the master's and Ph.D. programs, as well as the Doctor of Audiology and the Doctor of Nursing Practice. We are reporting record enrollment for the second year in a row.

There was a healthy discussion as to the reasons for the record enrollment and the impact that COVID-19 has had on graduate enrollment across the country. Of particular concern was the effect on international enrollment and the difficulty that international students have had in obtaining visas. Concern was also expressed regarding the domestic enrollment and declines that might occur after the pandemic.

- Recruiting for Fall 2022

A discussion was had with regard to the needs of the various programs with regard to recruiting support. It was noted that the active involvement by the faculty in a given degree program is a crucial factor in recruiting and retaining students. The relevance of the GRE to graduate admissions decisions was also debated, with the overall consensus being that the GRE should only be one element in a holistic review of each student's application.

- Campus Health and Wellness

A presentation on the resources available to students in the areas of campus wellness and health was provided. Particular concerns for both physical needs (food and affordable

housing) along with mental/psychological support (including the mental health capabilities offered through the AU medical clinic were discussed.

- Discussion of proposed Academic Bankruptcy policy

It was noted that Auburn University does not have a policy that allows the return of graduate students who are dismissed due to academic A draft policy was shared and discussed. A formal proposal for such a policy will be presented to the Council at the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Credentials committee recommendations for graduate faculty criteria, appointments and reappointments:

- The Graduate Council approved without opposition the following appointments and reappointments:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Reviewing Class</u>	<u>Apt. Type</u>
1	Sarah Aghazadeh	Assistant Professor	Communication and Journalism	1	Initial Appointment
2	Katrina Akande	Assistant Professor	Human Development and Family Studies	1	Initial Appointment
3	Symone Alexander	Assistant Professor	Chemical Engineering	2	Initial Appointment
4	Atiya Avery	Assistant Professor	Systems & Technology	1	Initial Appointment
5	Juliane Braun	Assistant Professor	English	2	Initial Appointment
6	Tiffany Brown	Assistant Professor	Psychological Sciences	2	Initial Appointment
7	Latifat Cabirou	Assistant Professor	Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling (SERC)	2	Initial Appointment
8	Cory Cobb	Assistant Professor	Human Development and Family Studies	2	Initial Appointment

9	Brian Delaney	Assistant Professor	Communication and Journalism	1	Initial Appointment
10	Stephen Erath	Associate Professor	Human Development and Family Studies	2	ReAppointment
11	Jean Fantle-Lepczyk	Assistant Professor	Forestry and Wildlife Sciences	1	Initial Appointment
12	Samantha Fede	Assistant Professor	Psychological Sciences	2	Initial Appointment
13	Elijah Gaddis	Assistant Professor	History	2	Initial Appointment
14	Reza Ghiaasiaan	Assistant Professor	Mechanical Engineering	1	Initial Appointment
15	Christopher Grieco	Assistant Professor	Chemistry and Biochemistry	2	Initial Appointment
16	Ralph Henderson	Professor Emeritus	Clinical Sciences	2	ReAppointment
17	Andee Hodo	Director	Accountancy	0	Initial Appointment
18	Adam Jortner	Assistant Professor	History	2	ReAppointment
19	Barbara Kemppainen	Professor	Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology	2	ReAppointment
20	Scott Kramer	Professor	Building Science	2	Initial Appointment
21	Jonathan Kuntsman	Assistant Professor	Psychological Sciences	2	Initial Appointment
22	Wlodzimierz Kuperberg	Professor	Mathematics and Statistics	2	ReAppointment
23	Charles Lesh	Assistant Professor	English	2	Initial Appointment
24	John Linhoss	Assistant Professor	Biosystems Engineering	2	Initial Appointment

25	Anna Linhoss	Associate Professor	Biosystems Engineering	2	Initial Appointment
26	David Lucsko	Assistant Professor	History	2	ReAppointment
27	Chandana Mitra	Assistant Professor	Geology and Geography	2	Initial Appointment
28	Renee Pratt	Associate Professor	Systems & Technology	2	Initial Appointment
29	Rebecca Retzlaff	Assistant Professor	Political Science	2	Initial Appointment
30	Laurence Rilett	Director	Civil Engineering	2	Initial Appointment
31	Janelle Rodrigues	Assistant Professor	English	2	Initial Appointment
32	Jason Sawyer	Associate Professor	Animal Sciences	2	Initial Appointment
33	Brandon Smith	Assistant Professor	Animal Sciences	2	Initial Appointment
34	April Smith	Assistant Professor	Psychological Sciences	2	Initial Appointment
35	Deborah Solomon	Assistant Professor	English	2	Initial Appointment
36	Frank Weathers	Associate Professor	Psychological Sciences	2	ReAppointment
37	Candice Welhausen	Assistant Professor	English	2	Initial Appointment
38	Shiqiang Zou	Assistant Professor	Civil Engineering	2	Initial Appointment

Curriculum Committee recommendations for program proposals and modifications:

- The Graduate Council approved without opposition the following curricular items:

<u>Program/Course Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Type of Change</u>
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AGEC 7000	AGEC 7000: Advanced Agricultural and Environmental Policy	CoAg	Course change
CSES 6800	CSES 6800: Climate, Water, and Food	CoAg	New Course
ENTM 7960	ENTM 7960: Special Problems in Entomology	CoAg	Course change
ENTM 8910	ENTM 8910: Teaching Practicum	CoAg	Course change
ENTM 8960	ENTM 8960: Advanced Special Problems in Entomology	CoAg	Course change
PLPA 7960	PLPA 7960: Special Problems in Plant Pathology	CoAg	Course change
PLPA 8910	PLPA 8910: Teaching Practicum	CoAg	Course change
PLPA 8960	PLPA 8960: Advanced Special Problems in Plant Pathology	CoAg	Course change
VMED 9100	VMED 9100: Preparing for Your Financial Future	VMED	New Course
VMED 9290	VMED 9290: Clinical Anatomy and Intro to Aquatic Animal Medicine	VMED	New Course
VMED 9440	VMED 9440: Clinical Veterinary Parasitology	VMED	New Course
VMED 9450	VMED 9450: Equine Veterinary Husbandry	VMED	New Course
VMED 9680	VMED 9680: Vaccines	VMED	New Course
VMED 9750	VMED 9750: Diagnostic Veterinary Ultrasonography	VMED	Course change
VMED 9802	VMED 9802: Epidemiology & Biostatistics	VMED	New Course
PUBP-PHD	PUBP-PhD: PhD Public Administration & Public Policy	CLA	Program Revision

OTHER ITEMS:

- None.

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Schedule for next meetings: November 2 (2:00-3:30), December 7 (2:00-3:30).