

GRADUATE COUNCIL

Faculty Senate

MINUTES

Thursday, May 8th, 2025, 1:00 PM

Graduate School Conference Room, RH 2215 And Zoom

PRESENT: Gloria Sweida (acting chair), Soondo Kweon, Liz Cali, Chin-Chuan Wei, Dan Segrist, Adriana Martinez, Jill Smucker, Eric Wrobbel, Bhargav Patel, Cheryl Borowiak, Therese Dickman, Ramana Madupalli, Priscilla Codjoe, James Monahan

ABSENT: Andrea Keller, Rony Die

EXCUSED: Cinnamon VanPutte, Carole Frick, Bernadette Sobczak

GUESTS:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Gloria Sweida, Acting Chair. The Council voted unanimously that members could attend via Zoom.

I. Announcements

A. Course Review Committee (CRC) Report – On Sharepoint

B. Graduate Committee on Assessment (GCOA) Report – Still in the process of being finalized.

C. Enrollment Management Report

Jim Monahan let the Council know that the MOU for a new collaboration with University of Central Ecuador (UCE). was just signed to serve as the first pilot program in a 1+1 MBA program. Enrollment and application numbers are up, mostly on the domestic end. International numbers are still lower due to difficulties obtaining visas.

D. Student Affairs Announcements - None

E. International Affairs Announcements

Cheryl Borowiak let the Council know about staff role changes in their office and that they are working on getting a new full-time person. She also let them know that International Affairs had been featured in the School of Engineering gratitude project, where they had been voted as an office that had contributed to student success.

F. Graduate School Announcements

- i. Liz Cali let the Council know that the Graduate School is migrating towards using Teams for all shared governance administration. One member asked if all the documents stored on SharePoint would be transferred over to Teams and Jill Smucker responded that they would be moved over if they were needed for a current meeting.
- ii. Liz reminded the Council that the new Graduate School dean, Chris Slaten, is starting June 1st. She encouraged council members to contact him whenever they would like.

- iii. Council members were also encouraged to be on the lookout for messages about phase two of program prioritization which will mainly be about curriculum changes.
- iv. She also wanted to let new shared governance chairs know that they would be contacted soon about an executive meeting in July.

G. Other Announcements

Therese Dickman wanted the Council members to know that the Library had also been featured in the School of Engineering's gratitude project, where they had been voted as an office that had contributed to student success.

II. Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2025

Adriana Martinez motioned to approve the minutes. Duff Wrobbel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. Public Comments - None

IV. Report of the Educational and Research Policies (ERP) Committee

A. GR2425-10: Implementation and Administrative Responsibility, Policy 1Q8

Bhargav Patel let the Council know that ERP had reviewed Policy 1Q8 at the Provost's request. There are two versions of the policy available on SharePoint, one that had been approved in the meeting and the second that had been approved via email after the meeting. Changes in courses and programs that are meant to take effect in the fall would need to be approved by March 15th rather than January.

V. Report of the Programs Committee

- A. 91A: English - Literature specialization
- B. 92A: Master of Marketing Research change to MS in Marketing Analytics and Insights
- C. Full Program Review: Biological Sciences
- D. Full Program Review: Instructional Technology

Gloria Sweida gave the Council an overview of the business the committee had approved. She let the Council know that the IT review had been challenging. Even though the final vote for the program was "flagged for priority review" and the program review memo asked for changes within one year. It was asked if the MMR change to MS in Marketing Analytics is a change to a STEM program and the answer was yes.

VI. New Business - Course Retention Recommendations from Grad Course Review Committee

Adriana Martinez motioned to approve the Course Retention Recommendations from Grad Course Review Committee. Dan Segrist seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Vote on ERP, PC, and GCOA Chairs for 2025-2026

The Council discussed nominations of the next shared governance chairs: Chin-Chuan Wei as the next ERP chair, Duff Wrobbel as the next Program's Committee chair, and Angela Andrews as the next GCOA chair. Dan Segrist motioned to approve the nominations. Soondo Kweon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 PM.