



## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 28th, 2024

The Graduate Council met on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 2:00P.M. in Room #583, Close-Hipp Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Terrance McAdoo, Chair; Mr. Hassan Anderson; Drs. Sourav Banerjee, John Doering-White, Ashley Gess, Edie Goldsmith, Andrew Graciano, Carolyn Harmon, Bill Hauk, Daniel Kilpatrick, Sheri Silfies, Sanjib Sur, Sriram Venkataraman, Jing Wen, Mark Yancey, and Hannah Malcom (GSA).

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Lorie Donelle (excused), Jing Fang, Nick Watanabe (excused), Rachel Williams (excused), and Neal Woods

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Ann Vail, Dr. Murray Mitchell (Secretary), Dr. Angelina Sylvain, Dale Moore (excused), and Wanda Barr

Provost Office Representatives: Trena Houp (excused), Dr. LaTrice Ratcliff-Small, and Jenell Peoples

Guests: Harlan Smith (ISSS) and Gaurav Harshe (GSA)

**NOTE: These minutes will become final on November 25, 2024, if not challenged.**

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Terrance McAdoo, Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 2:03p.m., and the Agenda was approved.

**2. Approval of the Minutes from September 23, 2024.** Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at: <https://bit.ly/3SvPO0E>.

***The minutes from September were unanimously approved.***

**3. Report of the Chair** (Terrance McAdoo)

No report.

**4. Report of the Dean of the Graduate School** (Ann Vail)

Dean Vail reminded the Graduate Council about the 3MT (3 Minute Thesis) Competition. The Preliminaries will take place on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 11:30 am in Rooms 535, 583, and 584 in Close-Hipp (registration is required). The Finals will take place 3 pm to 4:30 pm in Room 582.

Doctoral Hooding is scheduled for Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 12 pm in the Koger Center. This will be the first semester that the same Marching Order used for the undergraduate and the master's commencement ceremonies will be used for the doctoral students.

The Systems Optimization Task Force has been hard at work. Three campus demonstrations of the admissions systems are under consideration. She welcomes your attendance and participation in the three demonstrations as well as a Community Forum that will focus on discussion and feedback regarding the three admission systems. We invite you to attend the upcoming demos of the admissions systems under consideration. These sessions will provide an opportunity to see the systems in action and offer feedback. Each session will address one system. There are three systems in total. Please hold the following dates:

- **Element451**
  - **November 4th, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
[Demo Link](#)
- **Liaison (GradCAS & TargetX)**
  - **November 6th, 2-3:30 p.m.**  
[Demo Link](#)
- **Slate**
  - **November 7th, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
[Demo Link](#)

All sessions will be available virtually and recorded for those who cannot attend live. Vendor finalists will be selected by the Systems Optimization Task Force at the end of October. A subsequent announcement will detail which vendor will appear on each respective date above. This is a major and costly event for us to make the selection. The last admissions system was used for 20 years. Hopefully, this one will be used equally as long.

Finally, we will be hosting a community forum on November 12th, 1-2 p.m. to discuss the demos and gather additional feedback. You can join the forum using the link below:  
[Community Forum - Nov 12th](#) .

The Graduate School is still searching for a Director of Professional Development. This is an open search and closes this week. We currently have approximately 20 applicants. Please encourage anyone you feel would be good at leading this effort in the Graduate School to apply. We are very close to being able to post our Technology position that the Provost Office has provided for us.

Dean Vail presented Dr. Murray Mitchell with a memento for all that he has done for the Graduate School, the Graduate Council, and the graduate students for the past 12 years. She thanked him for his service. He has announced his retirement effective 12/31/24, and today will be his last Graduate Council meeting. Dr. Mitchell has a tough job that will be a difficult position to fill. He has always been an upholder of standards in the Graduate School. He has always tried to find a way through the policies for the students and demonstrated a great deal of compassion for the students. He would not change the rules but always found ways to help the students that came through the doors of the University.

**5. Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council (Murray Mitchell)**  
No report.

**6. Report of the Graduate Student Association (Hannah Malcom)**  
Hannah reported that the GSA Fall Social on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Top of Carolina was a success and had approximately 90 students in attendance. They received good feedback for future socials.

Some students have expressed frustration with the time it takes to receive reimbursement after submitting receipts from a conference. It is taking up to 8 weeks to receive payments and is placing a financial burden on some graduate students. Could we allow students to pick up their checks from the office instead of them being sent via mail? Students have said due to issues with the Postal Service, checks are being delivered late, lost, etc.

**7. Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee (Bill Hawk)**

No report.

**8. Report of the 500/600 Level Courses (Angelina Sylvain)**

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

**500/600 Courses for October 2024 Grad Council**

(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal). Total: 3

**BIOL 508** (3) Human Embryology, (NCP: Spring 2025)

**BMEN 575** (3) Engineering of Soft Materials, (CCP: Fall 2025)

**NURS 590** (3) Special Topics in International Nursing and Healthcare, (CCP: Spring 2025)

**9. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations: Total 7 (Murray Mitchell)**

Name: **Jeffrey S. Boswell (DNAP)**  
Program: Nurse Anesthesia / School of Medicine  
Term: Fall 2024 – Summer 2030

Name: **Sheena Campbell Morris (DNAP)**  
Program: Nurse Anesthesia / School of Medicine  
Term: Fall 2024 – Summer 2030

Name: **Catherine G. Gutshall (DNAP)**  
Program: Nurse Anesthesia / School of Medicine  
Term: Fall 2024 – Summer 2030

Name: **Marcia A. Iszard (DNAP)**  
Program: Nurse Anesthesia / School of Medicine  
Term: Fall 2024 – Summer 2030

Name: **Kevin J. LeBlanc (PhD)**  
Program: Nurse Anesthesia / School of Medicine  
Term: Fall 2024 – Summer 2030

Name: **Tracey Allen Pedigo (DNP)**  
Program: Nurse Anesthesia / School of Medicine  
Term: Fall 2024 – Summer 2030

Name: **Jefferson K. Souza (DHA)**  
Program: Nurse Anesthesia / School of Medicine  
Term: Fall 2024 – Summer 2030

**These nominations were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.**

#### **10. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Edie Goldsmith)**

Dr. Goldsmith shared that her committee needs a few more members since their workload mainly occurs in the Spring semester. More hands will lighten the load for all. She encourages anyone willing to volunteer to assist with the review of recommendations for Presidential Fellows that are awarded and other fellowship applications. All programs benefit from these in some manner. Graduate faculty status is the requirement to be eligible to serve on this committee. Dates for application deadlines will be announced at next month's Graduate Council meeting.

#### **11. Report of the Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee (Sourav Banerjee)**

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Total: 20

- **Adult Gerontology – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **Adult Gerontology – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, D.N.P.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **Advanced Athletic Training, M.S.**, (Program Inactivation Proposal: Fall 2025)
- **Biomedical Engineering, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **BMSC 751 (3) Behavioral Health**, (CCP: Fall 2025)
- **BMSC 756 (2) Advancing Medical Practice through Research**, (CCP: Fall 2025)
- **Disasters and Climate-Ready Public Health, Certificate**, (New Program Proposal: Spring 2025)
- **ENHS 865 (3) Community-Based Approaches for Precision Environmental Public Health Assessment**, (NCP: Fall 2025)
- **Environmental Health Sciences, M.P.H.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **Epidemiology / Environmental Health Sciences, Ph.D., Ph.D.**, (Program Inactivation Proposal: Fall 2025)
- **Family Nurse Practitioner, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **Family Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, D.N.P.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **CSCE 714 (3) Edge and Neuromorphic Computing**, (New Course Proposal: Spring 2025)
- **NURS 760A (3) Family Nurse Practitioner Role Practicum**, (CCP: Fall 2025)
- **NURS 768A (3) Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum III: Role Development**, (CCP: Fall 2025)
- **NURS 778A (3) Practicum of Advanced Practice Role: Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP (AGACNP)**, (CCP: Fall 2025)
- **NURS 788 (3) Transformative Praxis in Advanced Nursing Leadership and Informatics**, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **Nursing Education, D.N.P.**, (New Program Proposal: Fall 2025)

***These proposals were approved by Graduate Council.***

#### **12. Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee (Angelina Sylvain for Andrew Graciano)**

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Total: 28

- **EDLP 738** (3) Understanding the Self to Promote Anti-Bias and Inclusive Leadership, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **EDLP 739** (3) Opportunities and Challenges Associated with Inclusive Leadership, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **EDLP 740** (3) Organizational Change for Inclusive Excellence, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **ENGL 770** (3) MFA Fiction Workshop, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **ENGL 771** (3) MFA Poetry Workshop, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **Geography, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **History, M.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **History, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **Journalism and Mass Communications, M.A. with Huazhong University of Science and Technology**, (New Program Proposal: Fall 2025)
- **LAWG 701** (3) Principles of Leadership and Management: Legal, Ethical, and Organizational Considerations, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 702** (3) Evidence-Based Policing and Public Safety, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 703** (3) Civil Rights: Practices for Public Safety Leaders, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 704** (3) Sound Agency Management: Law, Policy, and Strategy, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 705** (3) Co-Producing Public Safety: Building Trust and Centering Community Needs (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 706** (3) Critical Incidents: Responding to and Learning from Near Misses and Unintended Outcomes, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 707** (3) Collaborative Communications in Public Safety, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 708** (3) Directed Study in Policing and Public Safety, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 711** (3) Budgeting, Fiscal Management, and Strategic Planning for Public Safety Leaders, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 712** (3) Legal and Ethical Considerations in Public Safety: Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 713** (3) Crime Prevention: Law, Research, Strategies, and Tactics, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWG 714** (3) Leadership for Officer Health, Safety, and Wellness, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **LAWH 702** (3), Introduction to Healthcare Compliance, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **Museum Management, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **Music, M.M.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)
- **MUSC 807** (1 - 2) Research Methods in Music, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **POLI 787** (3) Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, (NCP: Spring 2025)
- **Quantitative Economics, M.S.**, (New Program Proposal: Spring 2025)
- **Specialized Study in Information Science, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2025)

**These proposals were approved by Graduate Council with two abstentions.**

**13. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Sriram Venkataraman)**

No report.

**14. Other Committee Reports**

None.

**15. Old Business**

None.

## 16. New Business

Discussion of categories of Graduate Faculty (Murray Mitchell)

Dr. Mitchell indicated that there are currently three categories of Graduate Faculty that exist, as defined in the Faculty Manual (so, any proposed changes would have to go through the Faculty Senate, following consideration of any recommendation by the Graduate Council.

Issues involved:

1. There has been push back from some units in regard to the language of what qualifies as a terminal degree (e.g., the MFA and the MSW), in spite of there being doctoral degrees in these disciplines, and with the language that operationally defines “terminal” as degrees that involved a dissertation, and that programs eligible to make these nominations offer a degree that involves a dissertation.
2. There has been an inconvenience of term appointments only eligible for up to 3-year appointments for long-serving, but non-tenured/non-tenure track faculty. Also, some concern with potentially appearing misleading in offering 3-year appointments when individuals will only be hired for one or two semesters at most.
3. There is a concern with programs that offer doctoral programs that do not require a dissertation. At present, there is an “understanding” that faculty with a doctoral degree (non-dissertation) may be eligible for Associate Status, and that they will not chair dissertations. As personnel change, these kinds of arrangements are potentially problematic. Providing clarity to categories and procedures has the potential to reduce confusion.

A lengthy discussion followed.

**Charge to the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee, moved by Carolyn Harmon, seconded by Mark Yancey, supported by the Graduate Council, with one “nay” vote, and no abstentions:**

*The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee will study the language surrounding the categories of graduate faculty, examining existing categories, to make recommendations to the Graduate Council for retaining or modifying existing categories and procedures for establishing graduate faculty status. Following any recommendations to the Graduate Council, if any changes are indicated, further action will need to go through the Faculty Senate because these definitions, policies, and practices are also referenced in the Faculty Manual.*

Dr Ashley Gess shared that she is participating on a University-Wide committee that is soliciting input for identifying a learning system in support of all online and traditional classes. Dr. Gess invited input from anyone who wishes to provide a perspective of graduate student needs. Blackboard is the learning system currently in use. Please share your input at [agess@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:agess@mailbox.sc.edu)

## 17. Good of the Order

Reminder Dates:

November 8, 2024: 3MT (3 Minute Thesis) Competition. Preliminaries, Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 11:30 am, Rooms 535, 583, and 584 in Close-Hipp. Registration is required. Finals, 3 pm to 4:30 pm, Room 582.

November 25, 2024: The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council will be in person on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 2:00 pm in Room 583 in Close-Hipp.

December 16, 2024: Doctoral Hooding, Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 12 pm in the Koger Center.

**18. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11p.m.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

CC: Michael Amiridis, President  
Donna Arnett, Provost  
Ann Vail, 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

## **Office of the Provost – Program Pre-Authorization Requests**

Programs listed below have been approved by the Office of the Provost to begin development. In some cases, due to timing, these have already been approved by the Graduate Council.

This information is shared as an addendum to the Graduate Council agenda in an effort to increase cross-disciplinary transparency of upcoming programs.

### **September**

New Program: Postbaccalaureate Certificate, Artificial Intelligence in Business

New Program: DNP, Nurse Educator

### **August**

New Dual Degree: MIB with Audencia Business School with their Master of Science in Financial Markets & Sustainable Investments, Responsible Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Data Science for Marketing, Business Strategy & Consulting, Food & Agribusiness, Sustainable Luxury, Cultural & Arts Management, and the Master in Management

New Program: Master of Science in Quantitative Economics

New Dual Degree: MA/MMC Journalism and Mass Communications with the School of Journalism and Information Communication at Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST)