#### **GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**





PRESENT: Brad Jones, Dwayne Godwin, Allyn Howlett, Elizabeth Jensen, Debbie Newsome, Ellen Kirkman, Fred Salsbury, Debbie Newsome, Leslie Poole, Michael Berry, Mike Furr, Ravi Singh, Rob Hampson, Sarah Esstman, Tom Frank, Tracy Criswell, Adam Hall, Sarah Simpson, Jennie McGuire, Debbie Deheck

ABSENT: Adam Hall, Grey Ballard (on sabbatical)

**GUESTS: Janet Tooze** 

The meeting was chaired by Dean Dwayne Godwin.

# **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **1.** 10-6-2020 Graduate Council Minutes were approved.
- **2.** There was no GSA Report. Dean Godwin is working on getting some additional students to serve on the GSA.
- 3. Committee Reports
  - A. Curriculum Committee (Tracy Criswell, Chair)
    - **1.** The following course change proposals were approved:

Course Number	Course Name	Action
BMES 652	Stochastic Signals & Systems	CHANGE
EDU 610	Race, Class, and Gender in a Color-blind Society	ADD
IPP 702	Systems Physiology and Pharmacology	CHANGE
THSS 752	Training Grant Application	CHANGE

- B. Credentials Committee (Ravi Singh, Chair)
  - 1. Nominations for Graduate Faculty

Name	Department/Graduate Program Affiliation	
Bita Nickkholgh, MD PhD	Physiology and Pharmacology	
Erin Henslee, PhD	Biomedical Engineering	
Evelyn Anthony, MD	Biomedical Engineering	

Erin Henslee and Evelyn Anthony were approved for membership in the Graduate Faculty. It was decided that since Rita Nickkholgh was not in an independent position. Hence, similar to last month's decision on an applicant in a similar position, appointment to the Graduate Faculty was not approved. If she is asked to

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serve on a thesis or dissertation committee she could be granted a temporary appointment to the Graduate Faculty.

- B. Policy Committee (Elizabeth Jensen, Chair) No updates
- C. Long Range Planning Committee (Ellen Kirkman, Chair) No updates.

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

i. Presidential Search - Ellen Kirkman

Since the last Graduate Council meeting President Hatch has announced his retirement, and the Board of Trustees has begun a search for a new president. Ellen Kirkman noted that while there were members of the Graduate Faculty on the Presidential Search Committee and the Faculty Advisory Committee, no one was designated as a representative of the Graduate Faculty. Further, there are no graduate students on the Student Advisory Committee. It was agreed that Rebecca Alexander from the Search Committee, and Erica Still and Christa Colyer from the Faculty Advisory Committee be invited to meet with the available members of the Graduate Council to discuss the importance of support for graduate education in the choice of a new president. Subsequent to the Graduate Council meeting, such a meeting was arranged for Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 PM.

Dean Godwin then suggested continuing the discussion begun at the last Graduate Council meeting. Since much of the Council meeting is now routine business it might be useful to invite appropriate members of the administration for conversations with the Graduate Council where concerns of the Graduate School could be discussed. It was suggested that possible administrators to invite might include: Keith Bonin, Associate Provost for Research and Scholarly Inquiry (who is interested in improving research, external funding, and cross-campus collaborations). Greg Burke, Director of the Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute who has been involved in discussions regarding the agreement with Atrium and the role of basic sciences), Christina Soriano, Associate Provost for the Arts and Interdisciplinary Initiatives (who with a faculty member at Wake Forest School of Medicine has received NIH funding), and a representative of Wake Forest's Development department.

**ii.** Course Substitution for THSS MS students in the Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infection Prevention Concentration. (Janet Tooze)

The proposal is to substitute THSS 722, Antimicrobial Stewardship, in place of THSS 732, Statistical Modeling, for Translational and Health System Science (THSS) MS students pursuing the Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infection Prevention (ASIP). The substitution of Antimicrobial Stewardship for Statistical Modeling will allow the students (many of whom are international students) to achieve the needed academic outcomes for the MS degree, without the burden of taking less relevant coursework. This substitution will give them the ability to pursue courses directly relevant to their area of interest within Translational and Health System Science.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Ellen Kirkman, Secretary November 6, 2020