

PRESENT: Ellen Kirkman, Tracy Criswell, Sarah Esstman, Ravi Singh, Leslie Poole, Elizabeth Jensen, Michael Berry, Mike Furr, Rob Hampson, Adam Hall, Erik Brady, Dwayne Godwin, Brad Jones, Debbie Newsome, Allyn Howlett, Chaowei Zhu, Jennie McGuire, Fadi Marayati, Sarah Simpson, Tim Rahill, Carol DiGiantommaso, Debbie Deheck

ABSENT: Grey Ballard (on Sabbatical), Fred Salisbury, Michael Berry

GUESTS: Rogan Kersh

The Graduate Council meeting, chaired by Dean Brad Jones, was held virtually by WebEx.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The 11-3-2020 Graduate Council Minutes were approved with no changes.
2. The GSA Report was given by Fadi Marayati. The GSA has not been able to hold activities because of the pandemic. The GSA officers are graduating, or have graduated, and searches for a Reynolda Campus Chair and a Medical Campus Chair, as well as a Secretary and a Treasurer, are underway, and with the return to normal operations in the fall, the GSA should be active again. It was also noted that the GSA website needs updating. Fadi is graduating in May and has accepted a postdoc at Duke. The Dean thanked him for his long service to the GSA.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Provost Rogan Kersh joined the Council for a conversation on graduate education. He noted that generally the university seems to be surviving the pandemic in pretty good shape. There are 30 more undergraduates on campus in the spring than in the fall, and undergraduate enrollment for the fall 2021 looks promising, as applications for admission are already over 15,000, breaking the 2016 record number of 14,006 applications. Nationally spring 2021 enrollments have been reported to be down 11% from fall 2020 enrollments, so Wake Forest seems to be in a more fortunate position than many other institutions. It now seems possible that the budget deficit for F'21 will be zero; original projections were that there might be a \$100 M deficit.

At the time of the meeting there were three graduate students in quarantine because they had been in contact with a member of the university community who tested positive for COVID-19 (though they themselves have not tested positive).

There is national concern that the past year is a "lost research year". Wake Forest's applications to and success in obtaining external funding remain strong.

Provost Kersh has been in conversations with incoming Wake Forest President Susan Wente, and he believes that she is interested in graduate education. He offered to invite her to a conversation with the Graduate Council in late spring to early summer, and offer welcomed by the Council. He suggested that an early conversation with the new president would be an opportunity for the Graduate Council to voice concerns about graduate education at Wake Forest. He also suggested an early conversation with Charles Iacovou,

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who has been named Dean of the proposed School of Professional Studies in Charlotte. There may be possible cooperative programs between the Graduate School and this new school in Charlotte and the arrival of Atrium.

Questions from the Council included how various structural/organization problems stemming from the Graduate School's position within the university could be addressed. One example given was the difficulty faced by the Psychology Department in replacing a retiring administrative assistant, as the College administration did not see administrative work related to the department's graduate program as work the College should fund. Also noted was the lack of Graduate School representation on the Presidential Search Committee. Provost Kersh noted that two members of the committee were members of the Graduate Faculty, and that the recent Presidential Search Committee had more faculty members than past Search Committees. Both graduate deans were involved with other deans in reporting at a fall meeting of the Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Dean Godwin expressed the hope that the new Wake Forest President would see the university as one body rather than a "multiversity", and that new opportunities for interdisciplinary research and programs would emerge.

Concerns about the efforts of University Advancement in raising funding for the Graduate School and of Communications and External Relations in publicizing matters related to the Graduate School were also voiced. It was noted that incoming President Susan Wentz been involved in the creation of some graduate fellowships at Vanderbilt.

GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

3. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee (Tracy Criswell, Chair)

1. The following Course Change Proposals were approved:

Course Number	Course Name	Action
BMSC 721	Foundations of Clinical Pharmacology	ADD
BMSC 723	Foundations of Clinical Neuroanatomy	ADD
CSC 671	Artificial Intelligence	CHANGE
CSC 673	Data Mining	ADD
CSC 674	Machine Learning	ADD
CSC 675	Neural Networks and Deep Learning	ADD
MST 682	Readings in Statistics	ADD

B. Credentials Committee (Ravi Singh, Chair)

1. Nominations for Graduate Faculty: The following nomination was approved:

Name	Department/Graduate Program Affiliation
Ronny Bell, PhD	Translational and Health System Science

2. Re-credentialing to begin this month

C. Policy Committee (Elizabeth Jensen, Chair)

1. Discussion on Honor Code (Appeal Process) language/ possible edits

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In the discussion it was noted that it would be useful to have specific grounds for appeals, that the tape recording of the original hearing should be available to the Graduate Council when hearing an appeal, and that some history of previous sanctions should be available to the Honor Council and to the Graduate Council when hearing cases and appeals. It was also suggested that the Policy Committee talk to the current Honor Council Chair and Secretary to see if they had suggestions on improving our current system. It was also noted that it would be good if Academic Grievance appeals had procedures similar to Honor Council appeals.

D. Long Range Planning Committee (Ellen Kirkman, Chair) No updates.

The Graduate Council Meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Kirkman
Secretary