

Graduate Faculty Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:00 pm

Dean Brad Jones presided over the meeting held on WebEx.

General Business

1. Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Graduate Faculty Meeting were approved.
2. Report on activities of the Faculty Senate (Graca Almeida-Porada).

Graca noted that the Senator officers for the coming year are:

President: Matthew Phillips (School of Business)

Vice President: Tracey Banks (School of Law)

Secretary: Saylor Breckenridge (Department of Sociology)

Member at Large: Arjun Chatterjee (School of Medicine)

Graduate School Representative: Melissa Jenkins (Department of English)

Minutes of the Senate meetings are located at:

<https://facultysenate.wfu.edu/category/minutes/>

3. Report on activities of the Graduate Council (Ellen Kirkman)

Activities of the Graduate Council include approving the items on this meetings' agenda. In addition, the Graduate Council met with both Provost Rogan Kersh and Vice-Provost of Research and Scholarly Activities Keith Bonin, and the Council plans to continue conversations with appropriate administrators at its meetings. The Graduate Council also heard two Honor Council appeals and noted some items of procedure for these hearing that should be updated. The Policy Committee is working on a proposal that will likely (1) provide grounds for appeal that center on flaws in the original hearing, (2) require the Chair of the Honor Council to be present at the appeal hearing, (3) leave to the Deans, who make the final decision on sanctions, the appropriateness of the sanctions. The policy will be brought to the Graduate Council, reviewed by University legal counsel, and finally be brought to the Graduate Faculty for final approval.

4. Course Additions, Deletions, Changes (see page 3) were approved.
5. Additions to Graduate Faculty (see page 3) and reaccreditation (see page 5) were noted.

Other Business

1. Proposed revisions to the MD/MA in Bioethics Dual Degree Program (Vicky Zickmund, Mark Hall).

Under the current policy students work on a MD and a MA in Bioethics in a five-year program. The degrees are conferred at the same time (the end of the fifth year). Under the changes proposed students will enter the Bioethics portion of the program either in their second year, or in their third year, and the MA degree will be conferred at the end of the 11.5 months of study. The thesis will be completed before students transition back into the medical track. This new arrangement will use an accelerated timeline that currently exists. This arrangement gives a more logical exit and re-entrance into the medical program and makes financial support and tuition more clearly understood by the student. The proposed revisions were approved.

2. Change in the name of the Master of Science in Healthcare Leadership program (Bret Nicks).
To be comparable with peer institutions it was determined that the proper name for the degree earned in this program is a Master of Healthcare Leadership (an MHL degree). The Graduate Faculty approved this change in the name of the degree, and the proposal will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for its approval, as it is a new degree.
3. Proposed modifications to the English Program overview (Jennifer Greiman, Zak Lancaster)
Zak Lancaster introduced the proposal to make a slight change to the English Department Program Overview paragraph of the Graduate Bulletin that mentions work in writing and rhetorical studies, better reflecting current interests in the department. It is possible that a formal track in writing and rhetorical studies will be proposed in subsequent years. The change was approved by the Graduate Faculty.
4. Proposal to establish a Graduate Program in Medical Physics (Andy Dezarn)
Since 1996 when Andy was a postdoc at the Medical School, 29 people have received training in medical physics, at various levels in existing programs: postdocs, fellows, Masters', and Ph.D. degrees. This proposed program establishes certificate, MS, and Ph.D. degree programs in Medical Physics, and is designed to satisfy changes in the American Board of Radiology accreditation process for graduates entering a clinical pathway, providing a credential necessary for sitting for the Medical Physics Board. The intention is to offer the 6 core courses in the certificate program as online courses. The program will create a cohort of students with the same goals, without interfering with existing programs in Physics, Biomedical Engineering, or Radiation Oncology. The program was approved by the Graduate Faculty.
5. Announcements
 - a. The graduation celebration will be held on Monday, May 17 at 3 PM in Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.
 - b. The history of the graduate school is being researched. There is interest in determining when the first earned degree was awarded.
 - c. Dean Jones thanked Debbie Newsome who is retiring as Associate Dean for Students; Professor Jennifer Rogers is replacing her.
 - d. Dean Jones thanked Professor Tom Franks who is retiring as Director of the Liberal Arts Studies and Lifelong Learning Program. Professor Ron Von Burg will assume these responsibilities as part of his new term as Associate Dean of Academic Initiatives.

The Graduate Faculty Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Ellen Kirkman

Secretary, Graduate Council

SUMMARY OF COURSE CHANGES*
Approved by Graduate Council Spring 2021

**requires Graduate Faculty approval 2.2.2021*

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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

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CNS 754	Human Services Field Experience	CHANGE
CNS 769	Advanced Counseling in a Diverse Society	ADD
ENG 642	Writing Center Pedagogy	ADD
ENG 700	Teaching Internship	CHANGE
ENG 702	Ideas in Literature	CHANGE
THSS 752	Career Development Award Application	CHANGE

GRADUATE FACULTY NOMINATIONS
Approved by the Graduate Council Spring 2021

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Ronny Bell, PhD	Translational and Health System Science
Alexandra Thomas, MD	Internal Medicine, Biomedical Engineering
Barry Maine, PhD	English
Christopher Schaich, PhD	Surgery/Hypertension, Neuroscience
Alisa R. Russell, PhD	English
Erin Branch, PhD	English
Ramon Llull, MD, PhD	Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, BMSC
Ryan Shirey, PhD	English
Lara Kammrath, PhD	Psychology

Re-Credentialing Approvals (4.6.2021)

Joseph	Andrews	Biomedical Research Services & Administration
Kristen	Beavers	Health & Exercise Science
Erin	Binkley	Counseling
Amy	Catanzano	English
Katherine	Cook	Hypertension/Vascular Disease Center
Mark	Ferris	Physiology and Pharmacology
Sabina	Gesell	PHS/Social Sciences and Health Policy
Scott	Geyer	Chemistry
Michael	Gross	Chemistry
Kathleen	Hayden	Social Sciences and Health Policy
Seth	Hayden	Counseling
Sarah	Hogan	English
Edward	Ip	Biostatistical Sciences
Nathaniel	Ivers	Counseling
Hui-Wen	Lo	Cancer Biology
Tao	Ma	Internal Medicine
Donald	McClain	Internal Medicine-Endo & Metab
Michael	McCrary	Anesthesiology
Boris	Pasche	Cancer Biology
Elaheh	Rahbar	Biomedical Engineering
Jennifer	Rogers	Counseling
Joanna	Ruocco	English
Mark	Scholl	Counseling
Kiran	Solingapuram Sai	Radiology
David	Soto-Pantoja	Surgery/Hypertension
Ashley	Weaver	Biomedical Engineering
Jeffrey	Willey	Radiation Oncology
Xuwei	Zhu	Internal Medicine- Molecular Medicine
Susan	Appt	Pathology - Comparative Medicine
Diana	Arnett	Biology
Alessandra	Beasley Von Burg	Communication
Lindsay	Comstock-Ferguson	Chemistry
Patricia	Dos Santos	Chemistry
Aaron	Goldstein	Biomedical Engineering
Kylie	Kavanagh	Pathology - Comparative Medicine
Sang Jin	Lee	Institute for Regenerative Medicine
Timo	Thonhauser	Physics