



**Graduate Faculty Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 29, 2022 4:00 pm

**MINUTES**

The meeting was chaired by Brad Jones and held over Zoom.

**General Business**

1. Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Graduate Faculty Meeting\*

- One change requested: Jak should be Zak.
- Motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. Motion passed.

2. Report on activities of the Faculty Senate (Melissa Jenkins)

- The Faculty Senate has been busy this fall, under the leadership of Tracey Banks from the Law School and Arjun Chatterjee from the Medical School. As always, membership, meeting schedule, and minutes are available at [facultysenate.wfu.edu](http://facultysenate.wfu.edu)
- Committees:
  - 1. College Senators have been working on faculty morale, on processes for revising the faculty handbook and notifying faculty of changes, on communication about new information technology platforms (Workday Student is one example, and Banner/advising software is another). Finally, College Senators have pushed for updates on the Dean of the College Search, which we all know is now a search for Dean of the College and Graduate School.
  - 2. An ad-hoc committee on the faculty handbook, chaired by Brian Young from the Business School, will meet with the Provost soon with recommendations about notifying faculty when the faculty handbook is revised.
  - 3. The compensation committee, chaired by Katie Harriger, met with Hof Milam to talk about salaries for contract workers and the extent to which faculty salaries are keeping up with inflation.
  - 4. The Athletics Committee, chaired by John Sumanth from the Business school, has been keeping track of the new concussion protocols, on WFU GPAs and transfer rates for student athletes, and the new regulations related to name, image, and likeness for student athletes.
  - 5. The integration committee, chaired by Erik Summers from the medical school, sent a survey to faculty about programming that is in the works. The Integration Committee wants to increase awareness of Medical School academic operations and innovations.
  - 6. The Resources Committee, chaired by Gregory Parks, is excited to announce that we may be two years away from early childhood childcare on or near campus. Vendors have visited campus and we are reviewing bids.

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7. The Fringe Benefits Committee, chaired by Melissa Jenkins, has been facilitating conversation between faculty and HR during open enrollment and in the run-up to our full transition to Aetna health care (from Blue Cross Blue Shield) starting January 1, 2023.

### 3. Report on activities of the Graduate Council (Lucy McGowan)

- The Graduate Council met 2 times this semester
- Approved 20 courses additions and 17 courses changes
- Approved 12 nominations for graduate faculty
- Discussed several policies (Honor code, Veterans leave policy, Code of Conduct working group, examining a prospective definition of “credit hour”)
- Heard from Provost Gillespie regarding the updated Dean role

### 4. Course Additions, Changes, and Deletions\*

- Motion was made to approve the additions and changes and seconded. Motion passed.

### 5. Additions to the Graduate Faculty

## Other Business

### 1. Program Proposals/Changes\*

#### a. Biomedical Science MS reorganization into separate MS degree programs

- Students in these programs have different goals (clinical vs research) and the curricula are different
- The recruitment and matriculation cycles are different and the applications are reviewed by different committees
- The financials are also handles separately
- Benefits: targeted recruitment, tailored mentoring, further development of curriculum
- Disadvantages: there are some students who want to do research and also wants to go to medical school - they now are able to enter the research track and then take the pre-health coursework; this potentially will be more difficult after a split
- Logistics: Andrew South will direct the pre-health program (Biomedical Sciences BMSC), Tim Howard will direct the research program (Biomedical Research, BMR)
- Currently have 70 students, 35 per track
- BMR students get a 33% tuition scholarship in Year 1, which goes up in year 2 since they are focused on research in year 2.
- BMSC students get a 24% tuition scholarship for their 1 year.
- Motion was made to approve the proposal and seconded. Motion passed.

### 2. Announcements

- The joint undergraduate / graduate dean is *not a merger*. This is a model that is common elsewhere. There are graduate faculty as well as a TA on the search committee.

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## SUMMARY OF COURSE CHANGES\*

*Approved by Graduate Council*

### October 11, 2022 Meeting

BMES 615	Advanced Commercialization of Biomedical Engineering Research	ADD
BMR 705/706	Biomedical Research Journal Club	ADD
BMSC 620	Roots of Health Inequity	CHANGE
COM 631	Communication, Terrorism and Hostage Negotiation	ADD
COM 646	Sport, Media and Communication	ADD
GENC 713	Prenatal Genetics	CHANGE
GENC 722	Basic Concepts in Cancer Genetic Counseling	CHANGE
GENC 780	Lab Rotation	ADD
GENC 781/782	Clinical Rotation	CHANGE
MPHY 771	Radiological Physics	CHANGE
MPHY 773	Radiation Therapy Physics	CHANGE
MPHY 774	Physics of Medical Imaging	CHANGE
MPHY 776	Medical Health Physics	CHANGE
PHI 682	Topics in Metaphysics	CHANGE
PHY 652	Physical Optics and Optical Design	CHANGE
PHY 661	Biophysics Seminar	CHANGE
PHY 663	Condensed Matter Seminar	CHANGE
PHY 765	Gravitational and Particle Theory Seminar	CHANGE
WGS 624	Queer Theologies	CHANGE

### November 8, 2022 Meeting

BMES 660	Biomedical Research Design	ADD
BMES 661	Advanced Commercialization of Biomedical Engineering Research	ADD
BMES 662	Cancer Engineering: Biology, Detection and Therapeutics	ADD
COM 631	Communication and Terror	ADD
COM 653	Persuasion	ADD
CRM 718	Capstone Experience IV	CHANGE
DOC 717	Fundamentals of Editing	CHANGE
HNU 730	Advanced Hindi-Urdu I	ADD
HNU 731	Advanced Hindi-Urdu II	ADD
MPHY 776	Medical Health Physics	CHANGE
TBIO 701	Regenerative Medicine for Non-Scientists	ADD
TBIO 702	Introduction to Translational Medicine	ADD
TBIO 704	Introduction to cGMP Regulations	ADD
TBIO 711	Intro to Business Fundamentals	ADD
TBIO 731	FDA Case Studies	ADD
TBIO 732	Biotechnology Seminar	ADD
TBIO 794	Externship	ADD
TBIO 795/796	Capstone	ADD
TBIO 797/798	Research	ADD

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## GRADUATE FACULTY NOMINATIONS

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**October 2021 – November 2021**

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Arjun Chatterjee, MD	Internal Medicine/ SBES
Claudia Falcon, PhD	Mathematics
David Kline, PhD	Biostatistics and Data Science, THSS
David Phillips, PhD	Interdisciplinary Humanities, Sustainability
Drew Kiraly, MD PhD	Physiology & Pharmacology, Psychiatry/ IPP, Neuroscience
Kip D. Zimmerman, PhD	Molecular Medicine/ MMTS, Molecular Genetics & Genomics
Leandro Lichtenfelz, PhD	Mathematics
Michelle Mielke, PhD	Epidemiology & Prevention
Nicholas Kortessis, PhD	Biology
James R. Bateman, MD MPH	Neurology/ Neuroscience
Wei-chin Lee, PhD	Politics and International Affairs
Wencheng Li, MD PhD	Pathology/ Cancer Biology