

Date: September 11, 2023

Time: 3:00pm

Facilitator: David Spivak & Thomas Greckhamer

Location: School of Music, Room 105 (Virginia Howard Board Room)

Attending Council Members

Thomas Greckhamer, Business – Chair Elect	Andreas Giger, Music & Dramatic Arts - Associate Chair Elect
Sabrina Taylor, Agriculture	Robert Holton, Art & Design
Ken Reichelt, Business	
Fereydoun "Fred" Aghazadeh, Engineering	Hsiao-Chun Wu, Engineering
Chad Seifried, Human Sciences & Education	Scott Wilks, Human Sciences & Education
Alecia P. Long, Humanities & Social Sciences	Heather McKillop, Humanities & Social Sciences
Mark Mitchell, Veterinary Medicine	Anne Grove, Science
David Spivak, Science - Chair	William Corbett, Law Center
Lance Porter, Mass Communication	

Ex-officio in attendance: Jacqueline Bach and Anna Bartel Office of Academic Affairs; Carol Wicks, James Spencer and Ashley Collins, The Graduate School

3:02 pm      Call to Order

Approval Or Revision of Last Meeting’s Minutes

- Mark Mitchell made a motion, Sabrina Taylor seconded, Andreas Giger abstained, and Last Meeting’s (May 2023) Minutes was approved unanimously.

Reports:

- Chair’s Report (David Spivak):
  - End of the year report went well and was received.
  - Andreas Giger - Associate Chair Elect
- Graduate School (James Spencer):
  - Thanked Graduate Council for their service and a successful last year and willingness to serve.
  - Thanked David and Thomas
  - Increased PhD and MFA on unrestricted funds to 25k a year
  - Insurance for all Graduate Assistants and certain Fellows that receive minimum 20k stipends. 75% subsidized from LSU.
    - LSU made a one-year commitment to bring PhD, on the main campus, up to the minimum stipend.
  - LSU has made a 40% investment in Graduate Education

- How do we make sure core principals are met across the campus?
- Graduate School is being deliberate in supporting the departments to help reach enrollment/ graduation goals.
- UNC Chapel Hill Incident – opportunity to start a conversation about mental health with PhD advisors & students, offering support, counseling, advising development...
- Academic Affairs (Jackie Bach):
  - Anna and Jackie’s focus for this year is to focus on getting graduate summer school enrollment up.
  - A&M agenda – create 2/3 classes.
  - Cross enroll traditional with online courses
    - Reason – medical, student advocacy

New Business:

- Passing off (New Chair) - David Spivak
  - Thomas Greckhamer is the new Graduate Council Chair
- New Associate Chair - Andreas Giger
  - Two-year term – 1<sup>st</sup> year, Associate Chair & 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Chair.
  - Alecia Long made a motion, Mark Mitchell seconded, 0 abstained.
  - Andreas Giger is the new Graduate Council Associate Chair
- Introduction of New Members - Thomas Greckhamer
  - Chad Seifried, Human Sciences & Education reinstated for a new term 2023-24 to 2027-28
- Assigning of Committees - Thomas Greckhamer
  - In Moodle and on [Graduate Council Website](#)
- Form D – Interior Design - Marsha Cuddeback
  - Like title “Project Track”
  - 6 thesis hours
    - Change hours from 12 to 6.
    - Increase elective hours from 15 - 21.
  - Mark Mitchell made a motion, Andreas Giger seconded, 0 abstained, and (Interior Design) Form D will be approved and signed once changes are presented to Graduate Council.
- Form F – Women’s Gender & Sexuality Studies - Jackie Bach
  - Wants all minors to take common core course 7150.
  - Sabrina Taylor made a motion, Anne Grove seconded, 0 abstained, and (Department) Form F
- Online graduate students to register as “degree only”- Carol Wicks
  - There are a few places in the catalog where the verbiage is inconsistent with degree only for online and on campus. Wants to treat all students the same.
  - Alecia Long made a motion, **Scott Wilks** seconded, 0 abstained, and approved for catalog to be consistent.

- Clinical Track Faculty – Vet Med -Mark, Robert, Carol
  - Research, Professional and Clinical (roles in Graduate Faculty)
  - Will assign to Graduate Faculty Committee (Bob)
- Expanding Admissions English Requirement - Carol Wicks
  - Dual lingo and Michigan Test – Proposing two, totaling five.
  - Carol will write up and submit proposal to Graduate Council
- Virtual VS In Person Defense Policy – Carol Wicks (Tabled)
  - Catalog states all defenses must be held in person.
- Revisit discussion on 7-year rule - David Spivak (Tabled)

Committee Report:

- Graduate Faculty Status Committee (Giger)
  - Discuss other tracks for Vet Med
  - Reviewed 6 Graduate Affiliates
  - New Guidelines for Graduate Faculty membership
- Graduate Council Constitution Committee (Spivak)
  - No Report
- Memoranda of Understanding Committee (Seifried)
  - Chad and Mark are reviewing and making others aware of the document.
- Awards Committee (Taylor)
  - Change evaluation process for Awards to a new rubric.
- Promotion and Tenure Committee (Aghazadeh)
  - No Report.

5:02pm Adjournment (Thomas Greckhamer)

- Mark Mitchell made a motion to adjourned, **Alecia P. Long** seconded, was approved unanimously.

Future Meetings:

- Monday, October 9, 2023, from 3:00 PM to 4:50 PM // School of Music, Room 105 (Virginia Howard Board Room)
- Monday, November 13, 2023, from 3:00 PM to 4:50 PM // School of Music, Room 105 (Virginia Howard Board Room)
- Monday, December 11, 2023, from 3:00 PM to 4:50 PM// School of Music, Room 105 (Virginia Howard Board Room)

Important Dates:

- Graduation – December 2023

