

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2023 ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annette Barnes, DNP, MSN

Jennifer Bergner, MSME

Stephanie Bernhard, ENGL

Melissa Bugdal, Fulton School Rep

Tom Calo, Perdue School Rep

Celine Carayon, HIST

Yvonne Downie Hanley, M.B.A.

Maida Finch, Ed.D./REED

James Fox, EDLD

Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies

Martin Hunter, Registrar

Allen Koehler, AVP Enrollment Management

Eric Liebgold, BIO

Scott Mazzetti, HHPF

Stephen Oby, MSW

Karen Olmstead, Provost

Nicholas Plummer, GSC President

Andrea Presotto, GIS

Jessica Scott, OGS

Ignaciyas Soosaipillai, CADR

Erin Stutelberg, MAT

Diana Wagner, MED

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Memo Diriker, Faculty Senate Liaison

Elizabeth Geiger, OGS

Thea Williamson, Seidel Rep

I. Call to Order – 3:30 p.m.

II. Curriculum Review

- PBC in Higher Education – Suspend Program
 - o Does not have enough students to remain viable.
 - o GCC recommends approval. D. Wagner seconded. GC unanimously approved.
- ENGL 596 -New Grad Course – Topics in Poetry
 - o This course will be part of the upcoming MA Track in Creative Writing. It will help students become more familiar with professional trends in the current writing market and practices that will be integral to the success of their writing careers. The content and theoretical specialization provided in this course will also help students be better prepared for their

- o President has set goal of 8500 students with 12% graduate enrollment. Need to be strategic with existing programs while considering new programs and change in modalities.
- o Need to considerable deliverables.
- What resources are needed?
 - o Staff
 - o Reopen discussions about creating a School of Graduate Studies
 - o Are GA stipends competitive to help with recruitment?
 - o Technology/IT support?
 - o Reimagine 41 programs?
- Remarks
 - o C. Carayon – Very positive sign that graduate education was a prominent piece in the State of the University address
 - o D. Wagner – Education is expected to grow by 100%. There should be 20 full recruiters. On-campus events are not supported by SU Police. There is no help or plan to grow enrollment.
 - A. Koehler – There has been a reduction in Admissions staff. There are 8 people reviewing applications. Over 1,000 apps per counselor.
 - o M. Finch –It helps that C. Griffin discusses grad enrollment in PAT meetings. Would like to see an Enrollment Action Team established for graduate studies.
 - o S. Bernhard – Need to plan for different populations, those going F/T and those who need several years to complete the program. Also need to consider providing health insurance to GA's.
 - o A. Barnes – Nursing is being collaborative in terms of marketing and recruitment. Found some scholarship opportunities but Financial Aid would not help administer them.
 - o M. Bugdal –In 2017, 8% of usage was graduate students. In 2023 it is up to 29% but undergraduate students are needing majority of meetings. We need staff to meet grad need.
 - o C. Carayon – Had a meeting with D. DeWitt and C. Griffin in response to President's comments. Need to make sure resources are in place to support an online environment. An Enrollment Action Team should be established immediately with an action plan and deliverables. Idea of doing business will change with MD Blueprint Program.
- Bill 275
 - o Provides unionization for any entity in the USM.
 - o Support is difficult but because bill doesn't acknowledge the diversity of campuses within the USM.
 - o Anticipate that UMCP will dictate implementation if it is passed.
 - o Takes away shared governance and there will be less employees and student

IV. GSC Remarks – Nicolas Plummer

- C. Griffin welcomed Nicholas and thanked him for stepping in the President's role.
- GSC will meet first Sunday of each month at 7pm.
- Trying to reactivate some of the GSC programs.
- Elections will be in spring. Please help get the word out about elections and assembly.

V. Update on Grad School

- Need to understand approval process.

