

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 19, 2018

The Graduate Council met at 2:30 pm in Himes Hall in Room 129 with the following members present: Adams, Broussard, Cai, de Queiroz, Francis, Frick, Gansle, Husseneder, Lane (ex-officio), Lindau, Lockridge, Massé (ex-officio), Page, Perry, and Piccoli.

Absent members: Chance, Lee (ex-officio), Marchand, Pojman, and Sharky.

Minutes of January 23, 2018

Broussard asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the January meeting and said she would entertain a motion to approve. The minutes were moved for approval by Gansle, seconded by Perry, and the minutes were accepted unopposed.

Academic Affairs' Report

No report.

Interim Vice Provost's Report

- Massé introduced two of the new affiliate members present: Annie Daniel and Brenda Tubana. She also stated the other two affiliate members joining the Council, Meghan Sanders and Fernando Galvez, were unable to attend today's meeting.
- Massé made an announcement about the Campus Climate Graduate Student survey to be administered this spring. A small amount of funding will be given to students on assistantships and in return, they will be asked to complete the survey. Lane added this survey would be based on surveys previously conducted by UC Berkeley and UT Austin. The survey will relate to diversity, the student's experience, and graduate school mentoring.
- Revision to PS-21: Massé says the document was sent to Academic Affairs in November and she hopes revisions will be complete by the end of the semester. She will make the announcement once the revisions are returned.
- Massé stated there was a Task Force in the fall that focused on Graduate School processes. The plan was to build upon the Graduate School restructuring that concluded in August. There was also a plan to bring in the Council of Graduate Schools for a consultants' visit this semester. Because the visits are focused on issues specific to a particular campus, she decided to encourage her successor to consider it when his or her term begins. She continued by stating the first meeting of the search committee for the new Vice Provost of Graduate Studies and Global Engagement was held a week ago and the job description will be posted later this week. She expressed apprehension about the timeline of the search, but suggested that Council Members should encourage anyone qualified to apply.
- The Graduate School has been approved for a one-year pilot program to encourage recruitment and retention of graduate students.

Chair's Report

Broussard stated that she and Pojman were members of the search committee for the Vice Provost of Graduate Studies and Global Engagement. There is another meeting tomorrow and will have more updates then. Broussard welcomed the new affiliate members present. She reiterated that this would be a pilot initiative and would be revisited at the end of the semester to determine if affiliate members would continue as members of the Graduate Council.

Old Business

Review of Commentary on Recent Policy Changes

- Dean's Representative (policy revised & FAQ created 5/16/17)
 - Perry said he had addressed comments and critiques received regarding changes to the policy. Massé asked if a statement could be included acknowledging the Graduate Council reviewed comments submitted to it. Broussard entertained a motion from Gansle. Lindau seconded it and the motion passed unopposed.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Graduate Council Webpage** – Adams and Broussard: Broussard stated Professor Yang's class in the Manship School is working on a comprehensive coordinated awareness campaign for the Graduate Council. This includes a webpage and a campaign to enhance visibility, both with the goal of changing/creating positive attitudes toward the Graduate Council. Chelsey Hutchins is the liaison for the Graduate School and Adams, Broussard, and Pojman will be the liaisons for the Graduate Council. Hutchins will schedule a meeting to provide updates to Council Member liaisons soon.
- **Promotion/Tenure** - Chance: No Report.
- **Awards** - Page and Lane: They have distributed 18 EDA awards. The Dissertation Year Fellowships call will be sent today or tomorrow. Lane encouraged all questions to be submitted to gradawards@lsu.edu.
- **Graduate Faculty** - de Queiroz: In December, the committee reviewed seven candidates nominated for Research and Professional Affiliate. After the votes were collected, six nominees were then forwarded to the Council members at large. The Council did not review one candidate. That candidate was asked to resubmit a C.V. to prove the candidate had received a Ph.D.
- **Bylaws** - Massé: Over time, have met with the Faculty Senate, Associate Deans, Graduate Advisors, and the Provost to talk about the inclusion of representation from different ranks on the Graduate Council. The four new affiliate members have joined the committee to discuss the revision of the bylaws and some points from 2011 that were not a part of the bylaws with various recommendations. The focus will be on the future of the Graduate Council, its role, and the functions served for the campus. Massé invited other members to join the committee. The next meeting will be within the next ten days.

New Business

Curriculum Change: Anthropology Ph.D.

Broussard stated the Anthropology and Geography proposals would be discussed at 3:45 pm to allow the presenters the opportunity to come and answer any questions. The floor was open for discussion. After some discussion from council members, Broussard read an email from Chance about the proposals. Chance wrote that some of the curriculum changes discussed in the proposal were confusing. After more discussion of the issues, several council members concluded the changes were understandable. Lockridge made the motion to approve, Gansle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.


Curriculum Change: Geography Ph.D.

The proposals were discussed together. Lockridge made the motion to approve, Gansle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm in 135 Thomas Boyd Hall.

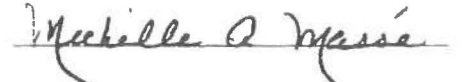
Meeting Adjourned: 3:07 pm

Recorded by:



Rodney Goldsmith, Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:



Michelle Massé, Interim Vice Provost of
Graduate Studies