



Graduate Council

**Agenda—Thursday, April 29, 2021, 2:30 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 971 4652 5950

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1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of April 8, 2021, minutes (APPENDIX A)
3. Report from Graduate Council Executive Committee
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Policy Committee (No Report)
  - b. Curriculum Committee (APPENDIX B)
  - c. Student Research Grants Committee (APPENDIX C)
5. Graduate School Reports
  - a. Graduate School Enrollment Reports (No Report)
  - b. Report from the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education
6. Election of Graduate Council Vice Chair for 2021-22
7. Public Comments
8. Announcements & Adjourn

## APPENDIX A



Graduate Council  
Minutes — Thursday, April 8, 2021, 2:30 p  
Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Aaron Hughey, Lily Zhuhadar, Carl Dick, Sarah Ochs, Marko Dumancic, Diane Lickenbrock, Marla Zubel, Richard Schugart, Dawn Wright, Scott Arnett, Ranjit Koodali, Cheryl Hopson, Ray Blankenship, Dana Sullivan, Helen Liang, Camille Acosta, Phillip Hogan,

Members Absent: Jordan Constant, Martha Day, Hannah Cady, Adam West, Angela Dolan, J. Alex Broskey

Guests: Ann Ferrell, Cathleen Webb, Karen Furgal, Colette Chelf, Rheanna Plemons, Evelyn Thrasher, Scott Gordon, Dana Cosby, Danita Kelley, Merrall Price

1. Call to Order \*Hughey

2. Consideration of March 11, 2021, minutes (APPENDIX A) \*Dumancic/Schugart; approved.

3. Report from Graduate Council Executive Committee \*The last Graduate Council meeting will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Graduate Council will elect the next vice chair on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee is gathering nominations for membership elections.

4. Committee Reports

a. Policy Committee (APPENDIX B) \*Dick provided an update on the Jump Program policy. He made a motion to approve the revised policy. \*Dumancic made two friendly amendments to the language in the 2.2 portion of the policy. \*Discussion ensued regarding the policy. 10 – Yes and 2 – No; approved.

b. Curriculum Committee (APPENDIX C) \*Arnett made a motion to approve the Curriculum Committee Report. \*Dick and Furgal discussed the Gross Human Anatomy Lab; approved.

c. Student Research Grants Committee (No Report) \*Lickenbrock announced that the committee received four applications for their last meeting.

5. Graduate School Reports

a. Graduate School Enrollment Reports (APPENDIX D) \*Gordon and Koodali discussed the most recent data on the Graduate School Enrollment Report.

b. Report from the Associate Provost of Research and Graduate Education \*Koodali announced there can be another round of Graduate Student Research Grants in May. \*The Graduate School will be celebrating Graduate Student Appreciation Week on April 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. \*Shelby King was selected at the 2020-2021 John D. Minton Award Winner.

6. Public Comments

7. Announcements & Adjourn \*Dumancic/Dick; adjourned.

## APPENDIX B

### Graduate Council Curriculum Committee Meeting Thursday, April 22, 2021

#### Course Administration:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (1)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
<a href="#">PS 590</a>	<a href="#">PS 590: Capstone in Public Administration</a>	Added	shn21703	4/5/2021
<b>Motion to Discuss – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Schugart/Zubel <b>Discussion:</b> Vaughn gave a brief description. Moving to a capstone experience. <b>Vote:</b> Approved				

#### Program Administration:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (1)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
<a href="#">051</a>	<a href="#">051: Public Administration</a>	Edited	shn21703	3/31/2021
<b>Motion to Discuss – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Arnett/Schugart <b>Discussion:</b> Vaughn gave a brief description either PS-597 or PS-598 or PS-595 are required depending on level. Just replacing the requirements. Chelf said there are four classes listed under electives that will need to be removed. <i>Friendly Amendment – Remove the following courses from the elective list: COMM-563, COMM-565, COMM-577, and COMM-587.</i> <b>Vote:</b> Approved				

## APPENDIX C

### Student Research Grants Committee

April 2021

I. *Committee Briefings*

FYI: A friendly reminder that student research grants are capped at \$1,500 each

II. *New Business:*

1. Whitney Heard, Biology (Dr. Rodney King)

*Functional Characterization of Mycobacterium Smegmatis phage MooMoo gene products: identification of toxic genes*

Requesting \$1,500

2. Md. Redwanul Islam, Chemistry (Dr. Bangbo Yan)

*Porous metal coordination complex materials and their photocatalytic properties*

Requesting \$1,418

3. Md Atikul Islam Mamun Chemistry (Dr. Bangbo Yan)

*Synthesis and Catalytic Properties of Novel Tin-Organic Coordination Frameworks on Furfural Acetalization*

Requesting \$1,481

4. Tyler Smith and Chase Simpson, Music (Dr. Paul Hondorp)

*Application of American Folk-Tune Melodies Towards Choral Sight-Reading*

Requesting \$1,783.55 (graduate student joint project)

5. Julie Sisler, Communication (Dr. Joseph Hoffswell)

*How students react to college during the pandemic*

**Total Amount Requested: \$7,682.55**

**Total Amount Recommended for Funding (4 projects/5 students, 1 student encouraged to revise and resubmit application for a future deadline in Fall): \$6,182.55**