



Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) Meeting Agenda
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Wednesday, March 27th, 2024
Virtual meeting via WebEx

Date: 27th of March 2024, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Location: Virtual meeting via WebEx

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council of The Graduate School (GFC) meeting minutes

Attendees: Mary Anne Amalaradjou (*Moderator*), Marina Astitha, David Atkins, Talia Bar, Mary Bernstein (*Ex-Officio, Associate Dean*), Kirstie Cope-Ferrar, Jack Corcoran (*Ex-Officio, Recording Secretary*), Thomas Craemer, Meg Feely, Victoria Ford Smith, Neal Glaviano, Preston Green, Ashley Helton, Kent Holsinger (*Ex-Officio, Dean & Chair*), Magdalena Kaufmann, Tiffany Kelley, Todd Kravet, Barbara Kream (*Ex-Officio, Associate Dean*), Colin Kremer, Jacqueline Loss, Betsy McCoach, Julian Norato, Jeremy Pais, Heather Read, Diana Rios, Beth Russell, Leslie Shor (*Ex-Officio*), Luyi Sun, Helen Swede, Nathaniel Trumbull, Penny Vlahos, Randall Walikonis, Alexander Woodward, Ping Zhang, Yuping Zhang

Absent: Heather Battaly, Deborah Bolnick, Karen Bresciano (*Ex-Officio, Assistant Dean*), Vasilis Chousionis, Lauren Corso, Jose Cruz, Khaled “Axel” Djebbari (*GSS Representative*), Hannah Dostal, Monty Escabi, Nathan Fiala, Travis Grosser, Thomas Hayes, Michael Hren, Heejoo Kim, Julia Kuzovkina, Yangchao Luo, Anson Ma, Michael O’Neill, William Ouimet, Eugene Pinkhassik, Guillermo Risatti, Chadwick Rittenhouse, Alexander Russell, Archana Sanjay, Helena Silva, Prabhakar Singh, Tammie Spaulding, Ron Squibbs, Aditya Tadinada, Judith Thorpe, Carlos Trallero, Janet Watson, Andrew Wiemer, Xinyu Zhao

Guests: *None*

1. The meeting is called to order at 3:03 pm.

2. Presented for Voting: Approval of the Minutes from the February 28th, 2024, meeting.
 - a. A motion to approve was made by Heather Read and seconded by Alexander Woodward. The minutes were approved with a majority vote by the Graduate Faculty Council.

3. Report from the Graduate Student Senate
 - a. The Graduate Student Senate is in the process of filling new positions. Additionally, due to turmoil and having fallen behind on business operations, their student organization account has been frozen. No GSS funds will be able to be accessed until this is resolved.

4. Old Business
 - a. Proposed Bylaws Revision Re. Credits
 - i. **Current by-laws language (Section VII.A.f.):**

The courses used by a student to complete all requirements for graduate degrees and graduate certificates shall consist largely of courses at the 5000 level or above. A limited number of credits at the 3000 or 4000 level (not more than six) may be used to meet requirements for graduate degrees. Courses in the subject area UNIV cannot be used on a graduate plan of study.
 - ii. **Proposed by-laws language (Section VII.A.f.):**

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 - iii. **Clean by-laws language (Section VII.A.f.):**

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 - b. Proposed Bylaws Revision Re. Credit Sharing
 - i. **Current by-laws language (Section VII.B.):**

B. Credit Sharing:

 - a. Except in the case of officially approved dual degree programs or as explicitly allowed below, the same course may not be used for credit toward more than one degree.
 - b. A limited number of credits (up to 12 for degree programs and six for certificate programs) of graduate coursework taken while a student is an undergraduate at the University of Connecticut and

used to meet the student's undergraduate degree requirements may also be included on the student's graduate Plan of Study, provided (1) the courses are required courses for that graduate degree or certificate program (i.e., they are not electives), or (2) the courses have been approved for credit sharing for that graduate degree or certificate program by the Executive Committee of The Graduate School.

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There was no discussion from the members of the council. A motion to approve was made by Mary Anne Amalaradjou and seconded by Alexander Woodward. The motion was approved with a majority vote from the Graduate Faculty Council.

5. Announcements
 - a. Associate Dean Bernstein discussed the implementation of new mentorship training being made available for all graduate faculty members. This new training will be required of all incoming faculty who want to be appointed to the graduate faculty. Current faculty are encouraged to sign up for training sessions when they become available in order to meet training grant requirements.
 - b. Dean Holsinger reminded the council of the upcoming commencement, taking place on May 6th, as well as the Executive Committee of The Graduate School elections occurring at the next meeting.

6. A motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Craemer and seconded by Diana Rios. The Graduate Faculty Council meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm. The next GFC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th, 2024, at 3:00 pm.