

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL FOR 2024

April 2, 2024

Next Meeting: May 7 (2:00-3:30 PM)

Participating Members of the Council and Retirement Dates:

George Flowers (Dean), Maria Witte (Associate Dean), Brandi Long (Assistant to Dean), Matthew Hoch (2026), Brian Via (2026) Nedret Billor (2026), Stephen Erath (2026), Ya-Xiong Tao (2024), Valentina Hartarska (2024), Jeff Kim (2024), Christopher Clemons (2024), Jaena Alabi (2024), Rachel Sweeney (2025), Jitka Hilliard (2025), Forrest Smith (2025), James Lindner (2025), Soolim Jeong (GSC).

APPROVED MINUTES: March 12, 2024

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Council discussed guidelines for Zero-Credit Courses. The relevant

Zero-credit hour course proposals are reviewed and approved through the existing curriculum approval processes and should be evaluated in relation to AU's Credit Hour Policy. Criteria to consider regarding such courses include – requires minimal use of university resources; cannot be offered as a for-credit course; uses Pass/Fail grading on transcript; will not be included in a student's GPA calculation.

- The Graduate Council discussed requirements for Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training. It was proposed that all members of thesis and dissertation committees be required to have current RCR training per the University requirements. A vote on this proposal will be held at the May 2024 meeting.
- Sheena Stewart, Director of Professional provided a review of professional development for graduate students. These efforts include both programming provided by Graduate School personnel and in collaboration with university partners, including the Miller writing Center, the Biggio Center, Office of International Programs, and many colleges and departments.
- Laura Fuller provided an update on international student support services. Transportation for new students from ATL airport is planned for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025.
- A discussion of GPO compensation/incentives was held. Compensation varied widely, from nothing at all to release time, summer and AY salary, and staff support. The Graduate School will conduct a survey of all GPOs so as to develop an understanding of current practices and provide data to advise regarding best practice for our institution.

OLD BUSINESS:

Credentials committee recommendations for graduate faculty appointments and reappointments:

- *The Graduate Credentials Committee approved without opposition the following appointments and reappointments:*

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Reviewing Class</u>	<u>Apt. Type</u>
1	Adam Cletzer	Professor of Practice	Horticulture	1	Initial Appointment
2	Wenying Li	Assistant Professor	Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology	2	Initial Appointment
3	Yu Lin	Professor	Physics	2	ReAppointment
4	Minseo Park	Professor	Physics	2	ReAppointment
5	Samuel Rochell	Associate Professor	Poultry Science	2	Initial Appointment
6	Jessica Starkey	Associate Professor	Poultry Science	2	ReAppointment
7	Yen-Yao Wang	Assistant Professor	Business Analytics & Information Systems	2	Initial Appointment

Curriculum Committee recommendations for program/course proposals and modifications:

- *The Graduate Council approved without opposition the following curricular items:*

<u>Program/Course Code</u>	<u>Program/Course</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Type of Change</u>
AGRI 6840	Leading Organizational and Community Change in Agriculture	COAG	Course Revision
BSEN 6570	Coastal Ecological Engineering	COAG	New Course
ELEC 6600	Electric Vehicles	SGCOE	New Course
ELEC 6690	Microgrids	SGCOE	New Course
GSHS 6050	Design Thinking in Global Studies in Human Sciences	CHS	New Course
GSHS 7040	Protocol for MDP Graduate Study	CHS	New Course
GSHS 7850	Research Seminar for MDP Program	CHS	New Course
GSHS 7950	Applied Research in Development	CHS	New Course
GSHS 7980	Integrated Development Project	CHS	New Course
HDFS 7120	Introduction to Capstone for Advanced Standing Child Life Students	CHS	New Course
HDFS 7850	Graduate Child Life Practicum	CHS	Course Revision
HORT 6100	Horticultural Plant Breeding	COAG	New Course
NTRI 6020	Medical Nutrition I	CHS	Course Revision
NTRI 6030	Medical Nutrition II	CHS	Course Revision
NTRI 6100	Nutrition in Disease Prevention	CHS	Course Revision
NTRI 6560	Nutrition and Food Service Management	CHS	Course Revision
NTRI 6760	Nutrition Counseling	CHS	Course Revision
NTRI 6820	Nutrition In The Life Cycle	CHS	Course Revision
NTRI 6830	Nutritional Genomics	CHS	Course Revision
VBMS 8380	Advanced Equine Medicine III: Neuromuscular	VETMED	Course Revision
DVPR-OTHER	Master in Development Practice (MDP)	CHS	Program Revision

ENTM-PHD	PhD Entomology	COAG	Program Revision
FDSG-MS	MS Food Science	COAG	Program Revision
FDSG-OTHER	MAgric Food Science Non-Thesis	COAG	Program Revision
FDSG-PHD	PhD Food Science	COAG	Program Revision
HDCL-MS	MS Child Life	CHS	Program Revision

OTHER ITEMS:

- None

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Schedule for next meetings: May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6.