

## **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:

| No. | Name            | Title                 | Department Name                            | Reviewing Class | Appt. Type          |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1   | Ada 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:

| Program/<br>Course Code | Program/Course                                                     | College | Type of Change   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| 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 |

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| FDSG-OTHER | <a href="#">MAgric Food Science Non-Thesis</a> | COAG | Program Revision |
| FDSG-PHD   | <a href="#">PhD Food Science</a>               | COAG | Program Revision |
| HDCL-MS    | <a href="#">MS Child Life</a>                  | CHS  | Program Revision |

**Other Items:**

- None

**Adjourn**

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