

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 21, 2022, 3:30 pm**

<https://uncw.zoom.us/j/81361527796?pwd=Uk5oTGFDQ2ZZL0F5dE83c0NoaDN3QT09>

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Council Members:** Barreto, Bolton, Erwin, Ferner, Hawkes, Lee, McClure, Post, Sackley, Scott, Shefsiek, Silva, Sweeney

**Non-Voting Members:** Boomershine, Holman, Miner, Ritchie, Tirrell

**Graduate School Staff:** Byrnes, Donlin Washington, Harris, Kinzly, Phillips

**1. Approval of minutes**

**a. March 17, 2022** -- *Motion to approve:* Sackley; *Seconded:* Barreto; **All in favor?** Yes; *Opposed:* No.

**2. Announcements**

**a. Approval of Grad Faculty Applications** – Policy is required for advice and consent of Grad Council. The Dean noted that from Grad Faculty applications and prior meeting minutes, Council notifications were obtained on who has been approved. We are currently using Microsoft Teams to streamline the process. A list of 278 new appointments and renewals (3-year appointments) was shared. The process notifies the Dean of requests and the Dean reviews CV on criteria. If not meeting the criteria, the Dean reaches out to the Department Chair. Most are approved, only a couple have been rejected.

How would Grad Council like to be notified? The Dean suggested providing a list (with the current meeting agenda) and the applications can be reviewed and approved at the meeting. Dr. Sweeney noted that historically Grad Council trusted the process, it was brought to Council's attention, voted on and approved. It would be helpful to see a list prior to the meeting to review and note who is expiring. Dr. Donlin said that a list of upcoming renewals will be provided.

**b. Last Curriculum Review for FY21-22** – May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting

**3. New Business**

**a. Curriculum**

**Curriculum Committee A (Erwin, Ferner, Hawkes, Post)**

The committee had one program revision to review and they approved it:

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:**

GR Program Revision – Public Administration, M.P.A. – Imperial:

<https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4196/form>

Motion to approve: Curriculum A; Seconded: None required. All in favor? Yes; Opposed: No; Abstained: No.

### Curriculum Committee B (Barreto, Sackley, Silva, Sweeney)

#### **WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES:**

GR Program Revision – Boomershine – Hispanic Studies, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate:  
<https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:3795/form>

Motion to approve: Curriculum B; Seconded: None required. All in favor? Yes; Opposed: No; Abstained: No.

#### **CREATIVE WRITING:**

GR Program Revision – Creative Writing, M.F.A. – Crowe:  
<https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4510/form>

GR Request to Establish (New Cert.) – Graduate Certificate in Publishing – Crowe:  
<https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4504/form>

Motion to approve: Curriculum B; Seconded: None required. All in favor? Yes; Opposed: No; Abstained: No.

#### **HISTORY:**

GR Program Revision – History, M.A. – Fain: <https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4074/form>  
Motion to approve: Curriculum B; Seconded: None required. All in favor? Yes; Opposed: No; Abstained: No.

#### **EDUCATION:**

GR Course Revision – EDL 517 – Henning: <https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4011/form>;  
**updated syllabus, with course description matching course description in proposal**

GR Course Revision – EDL 527 – Henning: <https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4070/form>;  
**updated syllabus, with course description matching course description in proposal**

GR Course Revision – EDL 528 – Henning: <https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4069/form>;  
**updated syllabus, with course description matching course description in proposal**

GR Course Revision – EDL 529 – Henning: <https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4094/form>;  
**updated syllabus, with course description matching course description in proposal**

Motion to approve: Curriculum B; Seconded: None required. All in favor? Yes; Opposed: No; Abstained: No.

#### **Business**

GR New Course – Canel – SCM 585: <https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4366/form>; **updated syllabus includes assignments and grade breakdown**

GR New Course – Canel – SCM 588: <https://uncw.curriculog.com/proposal:4367/form>; **updated syllabus includes assignments and grade breakdown**

Motion to approve: Curriculum B; Seconded: None required. All in favor? Yes; Opposed: No;

Abstained: No.

### **3. New Business**

#### **b. Classification of graduate student work (Tirrell, Miner, Finelli)**

Graduate Council was joined by Deanna Tirrell, Director of Academic Affairs Personnel Management, and Nate Miner, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Resource Management.

Graduate Council was asked to provide feedback on potential definitions of graduate student work that are being created in response to the Embracing R2 initiative request for clarification of graduate student status as students and as employees. Finelli, Miner, and Tirrell presented seven definitions for initial consideration and feedback. Graduate Council feedback will be solicited through a survey made available after today's meeting.

Quick reactions to this initial round of definitions suggest that the definitions may not be reflective of work going on across the university, especially in the professional schools. Some clarification was requested around the motivation of this work and relationship to graduate student compensation.

Finelli, Miner, and Tirrell relayed that they would take initial feedback into consideration and provide a survey to solicit additional thoughts once Council had time to digest the definitions.

### **4. Other**

### **5. Adjournment**