

Graduate Council
October 23, 2017
226 University Hall
Meeting Minutes

Graduate Council Members Present:

Gunjan Agarwal, Kristy Browning, Kate Calder, John Freudenstein, Jane Hathaway, Alan Hirvela, Samuel Hodge, Mona Makhija, Chris Pierce, Scott Scheer, Jeff Walline, Alex Wesaw

Graduate School Staff Present: Scott Herness, Matt Page, Tim Watson, Susan Reeser (recorder)

A. Approval of Minutes

- Professor Freudenstein, called the meeting to order and asked for a review of the minutes from the September 11, 2017, Graduate Council meeting. The minutes were approved.

B. Business

1. Interim Dean Herness introduced Assistant Dean Matt Page to Council. Dean Page assumed the position previously held by Ann Salimbene until her retirement from the Graduate School on September 29.
2. Professor Walline reported on an issue brought up at the September 28 Graduate Studies Committee Chairs (GSCC) meeting whereby a Graduate Faculty Representative (GFR) was told that a final oral examination began at 1:00 p.m. (for example). The faculty member then cleared their schedule for two hours, only to find out that the examination also included a 1-hour public presentation (GFR not required to attend), prior to the two-hour examination or three hours total.

Mr. Watson said that the *Graduate School Handbook* states the requirements for the final oral examination and indicates that the exam is to be approximately two hours in length, one hour for a presentation and a second hour for questions and answers. He also said that many programs have an additional public presentation requirement that should always be separate from the final oral examination and the student's committee members should not ask any questions during the public presentation that the student will be questioned on during the final oral examination.

Professor Walline requested that the Graduate School provide a better description about the timeframe expectations for the final oral examination and for the public presentation (if one is required). Perhaps programs should have a template email available for students to follow when they write to the GFR about the schedule for the exam. Council also recommended that the wording in the *Graduate School Handbook* about the length of the final oral examination be strengthened to a more definitive statement such as that it can last no more than two hours. The Graduate School will review the wording to see how it can be clarified and have a draft available for the next Council meeting.

3. Dean Herness reported that the Graduate School received 45 nominations for the Autumn Presidential Fellowship competition. The Presidential Fellowship Review Committee will meet on November 16 to determine the awards.
4. Dean Herness reported that, due in part to efforts by the Graduate School, there has been an increase in the number of African American students at Ohio State from 2012-2017 showing that the Graduate Enrichment Fellowship competition is working well toward achieving the goal of increasing diversity in the student population at Ohio State.

Dean Herness said that another category will be added to the Graduate Enrichment (GE) Fellowship competition this year. In the past, there were only two categories for the GE Fellowships; a 1-year GE Fellowship and a 2-year Deans GE Fellowship award. For the 2018

competition, a 3-year Deans Distinguished GE Fellowship will be added. This will make the categories similar to those for the University Fellowship competition, which has the same 1, 2, and 3-year categories. Dean Herness said that an announcement will be forthcoming.

C. Curriculum Committee Reports and Actions

1. Dean Herness explained the proposal from the Department of Neuroscience to develop a tagged Master's Degree in Applied Neuroscience. He said that the proposed program is well-thought-out and sequenced and that the degree will facilitate the advanced placement of students within the field of neuroscience. Student will take rigorous academic courses that will include a select subset of the courses developed for studying to receive the Ph.D. in neuroscience. A minimum of 30 semester credit hours are required for either the research oriented track or the higher education track.
 - Professor Freudenstein called for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
2. Dean Herness described the proposal from the College of Public Health and the College of Veterinary Medicine to create a 15-credit face-to-face interdisciplinary academic graduate certificate in Global One Health. The certificate program will provide formal interdisciplinary education and training focused on addressing issues affecting human health, animal health, and the environment using a One Health approach. The appropriate concurrences have been received.
 - Professor Freudenstein called for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
3. Dean Herness explained the proposal from the Department of Engineering Education to create a new Ph.D. in Engineering Education, an 80-credit hour dissertation-based doctorate that combines both the engineering and education disciplines. The curriculum for the new Ph.D. program and the assessment of the core courses meet the highest standards. Dean Herness said that the university's path for approving a new Ph.D. program is the Graduate Council, Council on Academic Affairs (CAA), University Senate, Ohio Department of Higher Education (former Ohio Board of Regents), and then two rounds of state reviews by the Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS) (former Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study (RACGS)).
 - Professor Freudenstein called for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
4. Dean Herness reported that the proposal from the College of Nursing to create a new online Category 3 Nurse Educator Graduate certificate program is designed 1) to educate and prepare nurses to become nurse faculty and to practice in the role of nurse educator in the academic and/or clinical setting; and 2) to prepare nurses to take the National League for Nursing (NLN) Certification for Nurse Educators (CNE) examination. The target audience includes nurses interested in becoming educators in an academic or clinical setting. The proposal addresses the ongoing nursing faculty shortage through a certificate program that is accessible and feasible for working nurses.
 - Professor Freudenstein called for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.

D. Other

- Mr. Chris Pierce, Council member and representative from the Council of Graduate Students, reported on an issue that was brought up at the October 20 Council of Graduate Students executive committee meeting whereby some graduate students were not receiving their fee authorizations on

time and holds were being placed on their accounts. The holds created problems for students who were unable to gain access to health insurance, purchase football tickets, among other things. Mr. Pierce said that some students were instructed to pay for their fees out of pocket, some as much as \$500. Council members asked who these individuals were, e.g., from a particular program, students on fellowship or grants, etc., and how widespread the problem was or if this was just a glitch in the system.

Dean Herness said that Graduate School staff had not heard about any widespread problems. He also said that fee authorizations are processed by Service Centers in Human Resources, submitted online, and never have late fees associated with them. Operationally, these issues should be handled by the graduate program coordinators and if they aren't able to correct these issues then students should contact the Graduate School who is always available to help find a solution. Dean Herness said that students should not pay out of pocket for fees that they don't owe. Mr. Pierce said that he would follow-up with the affected students.

E. Upcoming Events

- Dean Herness invited Council to attend the Graduate School Semester Meeting for department chairs, Graduate Studies Committee Chairs (GSCC), and graduate program coordinators. The meeting will be on October 31 in the Blackwell Ballrooms B&C from 3-4:30 p.m.

Professor Freudenstein adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.