

Graduate Council  
Minutes —Thursday, August 20, 2020, 2:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom

Members Present: Aaron Hughey, Ranjit Koodali, Adam West, Carl Dick, Dana Sullivan, Dawn Wright, Diane Lickenbrock, Helen Liang, Martha Day, Phillip Hogan, Richard Schugart, Sarah Ochs, Scott Arnett

Members Absent: Ray Blankenship, Lily Zhuhadar, Jordan Constant, Hannah Cady, Marko Dumancic, Cheryl Hopson, Marla Zubel, Camille Acosta, Angela Dolan

Guests: Colette Chelf, Jennifer Hammonds, Ray Blankenship, Rheanna Plemons, Scott Gordon, Laura Burchfield, Evelyn Thrasher, Kelly Madole, Ann Ferrell

1. Call to Order \*Hughey
2. Consideration of May 7, 2020, minutes (Appendix A) \*Day/Dick; approved
3. Graduate Enrollment Report \*Gordon discussed the current enrollment in comparison to previous years.
4. Report from Graduate Council Executive Committee \*Hughey summarized the Graduate Executive Committee report.
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Policy Committee \*Dick discussed policies that are in the works defining the certificate programs, JUMP policy, and graduate faculty policy
  - b. Curriculum Committee (Appendix B) \*Hughey discussed the revised report to send to senate. Kelly Madole made a friendly amendment to change from one to variable. Lickenbrock/Wright; approved.
  - c. Student Research Grants Committee \*Lickenbrock explained that students have been encouraged to contact the Graduate School if the scope of their research has changed due to Covid-19.
6. Report from the Associate Provost of Research and Graduate Education \*Koodali discussed his idea to create a Graduate Faculty Credential Review Committee. \*He mentioned he will share information on graduate research grants once it is available.

\*He discussed curriculum innovations. \* He mentioned making a committee to compare benchmarks of graduate assistantship compensative (compare compensation). They will discuss gaps in stipends compared to other universities. \*He plans to have an open forum on admissions soon. \*There is a distinguished dean lecture series coming.

7. Public Comments \*Chelf reported that the catalog draft is out to campus. \*The virtual orientation is August 21<sup>st</sup>. \*There will not be a Graduate School Welcome Reception due to Covid-19. \*A program coordinator meeting will be scheduled near the start of October.

8. Announcements & Adjourn \*Dick/Blankenship; approved