



Graduate Council Meeting No. 563 September 9, 2024 via Zoom | Minutes

Council Members Present: Alessandra Adami, Ali Akanda, Araceli Bonifant, Susan DeSanto-Madeya, Emilijia Djurdjevic, Marta Gomez-Chiarri, Emmett Goods, Karen Morse, David Rowley, Hans Saint-Eloi Cadely, Minsuk Shim, Brett Still, Quinn Tucker, Ami Vyas, Karolina Wojcik

Council Members Absent: Yang Shen

Graduate School Present: Eric Beretta, Jessica Coyle, Brenton DeBoef, Corinne Kulesh, Cara Mitnick, Colleen Mouw

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- I. **Call to order**
 - ★ *The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Chair Saint-Eloi Cadely.*
 - II. **Introductions**
 - A. Graduate Council Role, Responsibilities, and Overview (*Saint-Eloi Cadely and DeBoef*)
 1. Dean DeBoef discussed the role of the council, committees, and expectations. In addition, the council reviews EGRA awards in October with a meeting in November set aside to review the results as a group. Dean DeBoef provided a couple of examples of upcoming topics and welcomed the council to suggest agenda topics as well.
 - B. Introduction of Graduate Council Members (*Saint-Eloi Cadely*)
 1. Each council member introduced themselves.
 - III. **Approval of Minutes - [Meeting No. 562, April 8, 2024](#)**
 - ★ *Motion to approve the minutes for meeting no. 562*
 - *Approved*
 - IV. **Conferral of August Graduate Degrees (*DeBoef*)**
 - ★ *Move to recommend the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees approval of the candidates of the award of graduate degrees whose names will be certified by the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, and the Graduate School for August 2024 graduation.*
 - *Approved*
 - V. **Announcements**
 - A. Enrollment Update (*Kulesh*)
 1. Director Kulesh presented enrollment data reflected as of last Thursday. The numbers reflect unique students with a 20% increase in online calendar programs, 451 students in Fall 2024 compared to 375 last year. The traditional calendar programs have an increase of 6%, 1,792 students in Fall 2024 compared to 1,689 last year. The numbers may change due to deferments.
 - B. Professional Development (*Mitnick*)
 1. Associate Dean Mouw reminded the council to review the Graduate School Newsletter as it contains upcoming Professional Development programs as well as resources for

students. She asked the council to encourage their students to take one of the badge programs the Graduate School Offers.

2. Diversity and Inclusion Badge Program (*DIBP, Mouw*)

a) Associate Dean Mouw announced the DIBP fall programs are available and that students would need to take 5 workshops to earn a badge.

3. Equitable and Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy Badge Program (*EITP, Mitnick*)

a) Associate Dean Mouw discussed that the EITP is designed for students interested in becoming future educators with the same concept of taking 5 workshops to earn a badge. Dean DeBoef will be teaching one of the workshops.

C. Upcoming Events (*Mouw*)

1. New Program Directors Meeting - In-person, Friday, Sept. 27 - 10-11:30 am

a) Associate Dean Mouw explained that the Graduate School has decided to hold a separate meeting for new program directors prior to the annual program directors meeting. The meeting will allow for more information and answer questions early on to prepare them for the annual program directors meeting.

2. Annual Program Directors Meeting - Virtual, Thursday, Oct. 17, 1-3 pm

a) This meeting will provide updates for program directors.

3. Annual Faculty Summit - Virtual, Thursday, Dec. 5, 10 am - noon

a) This meeting is for all graduate faculty and will provide updates from the Graduate School.

D. Recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty (*Mouw*)

Michael Forte, Outside Scholar, COB

Patrick E Hopkins, Outside Scholar, COE

Hoyoung Kim, Adjunct, COE

Matthew Bertin, Outside Scholar, CAS

Wenkang Huang, Adjunct, COE

Samantha Siedlecki, Outside Scholar, GSO

Jennifer L. Amaral, Assistant Research Professor, COE

Ang Cai, Research Assistant Professor, COP

Hilda Llorens, Associate Professor, CAS

David Ullman, Adjunct, GSO

Michael Puerrer, Adjunct, CAS

Matthey W. Gray, Outside Scholar, CELS

Donna M Gammache-Griffiths, Tenure-Track, COB

Benjamin McDonald, Outside Scholar, COE

Nada Hashmi, Outside Scholar, COB

Hilary Palevsky, Adjunct, GSO

Belinda Barbagallo, Adjunct CELS

VI. New Business

A. [Graduate Council Committee Appointments](#) (*DeBoef*)

1. Dean DeBoef presented the committee assignments to the council.

- ★ *Motion to approve the Graduate Council Committee appointments*
 - *Approved*

B. EGRA Awards (*Mouw*)

1. Council Responsibilities

a) Associate Dean Mouw announced that the EGRA competition will open soon. The proposals are formed into groups; humanities and social sciences versus natural sciences and physical sciences. The council is tasked with reviewing the proposals assigned, adding comments, and ranking the proposals. The rankings will take place during the last Graduate Council meeting where the groups will discuss the scores and provide a ranking. Associate Dean Mouw reminded the council that their commitment to the reviews is important and thanked the council for their dedicated time. Jessica Coyle requested that the council notify the Graduate

School as soon as possible if an emergency prevents them from reviewing the proposals, so that the proposals can be delegated.

C. Mentoring Program Initiative (*Mouw*)

1. Associate Dean Mouw announced that the Graduate School is launching a mentoring program. There will be programming focused on faculty, graduate students, and facilitated combined sections bringing in both communities together around developing and facilitating mentoring plans. Workshops are launching this Fall. In the Spring, there will be something similar for individual development plans. In the near future, the Graduate School will be launching a graduate mentoring committee.

VII. Adjournment

- ★ Chairperson Saint-Eloi Cadely asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Graduate Council on September 30, 2024



Brenton DeBoef, Dean of the Graduate School