

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, May 9, 2024

PRESENT: Megan Adkins, Kazuma Akehi, Michelle Beissel Heath, Ben Brachle, Martonia Gaskill, Mary Harner, Miechelle McKelvey, Austin Nuxoll, Whitney Schneider-Cline, Chris Steinke, Chris Strickland, Doug Tillman, Laurinda Weisse, Kelcie Burke, Chloe Dakan, Tawny Moore and Linda Johnson

ABSENT: Ngan Chau, Angela Hollman, and Michelle Warren

I. Approval of the April Minutes and Emergency May Minutes – approved via email.

II. Graduate Dean's Report

A. End of year recap

Thank you to everyone for your service this year on Graduate Council.

- We are up about 155 admits.
- Speech Language Pathology continues to grow enrollment.
- MBA is seeing an increase in numbers.
- Public History is growing.
- Created a Communication Instructional Development Graduate Certificate

2024-2025 we are encouraging departments to create certificates to help meet student needs.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) We are building a great group of students who will help to keep this going. In August there will be a new round of t-shirt orders to help promote the GSA.

Accelerated Programs – there have been several 4+1 programs created this year in English, History, Communication Disorders, MBA, Communication, Athletic Training, and Exercise Science. These will be in the catalog for next year. Hope to add more programs to this list.

Big Thank You to Linda Johnson for all her help with the Accelerated Programs, she has been instrumental in helping move programs forward. She has a wealth of knowledge. Dean Ellis recognized the significant work of Megan Adkins (Associate Dean) and Linda Johnson (Director of Grad Admissions) to help create and approve Accelerated programs.

B. Approval of 2024 Spring Graduates

Unanimous approval of the updated slate of spring graduates (Chris Strickland/ Whitney Schneider-Cline). Motion carried.

C. Research Day Results

Numbers are increasing. We need to work on the quality of the posters and the presentations. This is one area we will be working on. Working on assisting our graduate students in the process, and how to prepare for these things.

D. Graduate Council Election Results

B&T – Bree Dority replacing Ben Brachle

COE – Erin Sweeney replacing Kaz Akehi

CAS – Janet Graham and Torsten Homburger replacing Michelle Beissel Heath and Chris Steinke

III. Committee Reports

A. Policy & Planning Committee – no action items to discuss.

B. Academic Programs Committee –

Action items: An email regarding training dates for CouseLeaf, etc. will be sent early August.

C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – no action items to discuss.

As the faculty and student affairs committee report, there is no action item to discuss, but a huge thanks to the committee members who reviewed lots of documents throughout the semester to select the awards. Reichenbach Scholarship evaluations were recently submitted to the Graduate Studies Office.

IV. Other Business

Online Orientation for Graduate online students and Undergraduate online students for next Fall.

GPC Coalition is going to be moved to a monthly meeting.

We have a new student representative for the Graduate Council. Kelcie Burke will be graduating, and Tawny will be leaving this semester. Chloe Dakan is from the College of Business and Technology.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Rhinehart