

Graduate Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

Goodman called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M.

II. Announcements: New faces and roles, 60 credit PhD plan, Communicating for Success

- The committee went through introductions of committee members and individuals new to the college.
- Dukes discussed the PhD plan to streamline processing. 30 credits are automatically accepted when PhD candidates come in with a Master's degree.
- Communicating for success is a summer program for students with low TOEFL scores to help prepare them for graduate school. This will not be an option moving forward.

III. Assessment

- Goodman spoke about the SACS MAMC accreditation assessment and discussed the findings.
- Goodman went through the findings of our doctoral program assessments and discussed the findings.

IV. Timeline from quals to proposal

Dukes discussed the timeline for doctoral students between their qualifying exams and proposal. Further clarification was given regarding students who 'conditionally pass' their qualifying exams. Proposed adjustment to proposal submission date and defense timeline.

- Hutchens makes a motion to move the proposal submission deadline to 4 months after the defense is passed. The motion is seconded by Coche. The motion passes.

After additional discussion, Goodman proposed creating a task force to review the full policies. The task force will bring proposals to the committee at a later date.

V. 12 credit max per semester

Goodman discusses the lack of policy regarding a limit to maximum amounts of credits that grad students can take per semester.

Motion is raised to limit the number of credits a graduate student can take per semester. Motion is seconded by Coche.

VI. Approval of Prior Minutes

Coche made a motion to approve the minutes from the prior two meetings. Hutchens seconded, and the motion passed.

VII. Other Business

Goodman discusses the nominations for international student awards.

VIII. Adjourn

Roxane motions to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 P.M. Motion is seconded by Hutchens. Meeting adjourned.

In Attendance: Goodman, Dukes, Soto, Lewis, Camaj, Patterson, Arowosafe, Feng, Hmielowski, McNealy, Kropp, Spiker, Hutchens, Chen, Coche, Yeahia