

**Date:** October 9, 2023

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Facilitator:** Thomas Greckhamer

**Location:** School of Music, Room 105 (Virginia Howard Board Room)

Attending Council Members

Thomas Greckhamer, Business – Chair	Andreas Giger, Music & Dramatic Arts – Associate Chair
Sabrina Taylor, Agriculture	Robert Holton, Art & Design
Ken Reichelt, Business	Robert Rohli, Coast & Environment
Mark Mitchell, Veterinary Medicine	William Corbett, Law Center
David Spivak, Science	Alecia P. Long, Humanities & Social Sciences

Ex-officio in attendance: Jacqueline Bach of Office of Academic Affairs; Carol Wicks and Ashley Collins of the Graduate School

3:00 pm      Call to Order

Approval Or Revision of Last Meeting’s Minutes

- David Spivak made a motion, Robert Holton seconded, Robert Rohli abstained, and Last Meeting’s (September 2023) Minutes was approved.

Reports:

- Chair’s Report (Thomas Greckhamer)
  - No Report
- Graduate School (Carol Wicks):
  - Motion to Dean Spencer to write an email to the President’s Office requesting the status of the Graduate Assistant fees.
    - Robert Holton made a motion, Andreas Giger seconded, Mark Mitchell abstained, and request to email the President’s Office was approved.
  - Expanding Admissions English Requirement
    - Proposal to add Duolingo and the Michigan English test to existing English language proficiency test.
      - Alecia Long made a motion, David Spivak seconded, 0 abstained, and additions to the English language proficiency test was approved.
- Academic Affairs (Jackie Bach):
  - Attention was brought to Academic Affairs regarding SREB/Huel Perkins fellowships stipends are less than the Graduate Assistants increase.

- Fahui Wang will email Jackie Back the 2024-2025 SREB proposal with the minimum stipend increase.

Old Business:

- Form D – Interior Design (Update)
  - Alecia Long made a motion, Ken Reichelt seconded, 0 abstained, and Interior Design Form D was unanimously approved.
- Clinical Track Faculty – Vet Med (Mark, Robert, Carol)
  - Robert Rohli and Tammy Dugas met in 9/11/2023.
    - Clinical track, Graduate Faculty status, will utilize 3R.
  - Rights and responsibilities will be created for all Graduate Faculty tracks.
  - Once created, will be added to the Guide to Graduate Faculty Status
- Virtual VS In Person Defense Policy (Carol Wicks)
  - Current policy is “in person” unless permission is given by the department chair and graduate school dean.
  - Will retain flexibility and allow committee to make decision of defense.
  - Sabrina Taylor made a motion, Mark Mitchell seconded, 0 abstained, and committee will make the decision of virtual or in person was unanimously approved.
- Revisit discussion on 7-year rule (David Spivak)
  - Decouple 7-year max requirement with graduate degrees for Masters and Doctorial
  - Mark Mitchell made a motion, Sabrina Taylor seconded, 0 abstained, and decoupling unanimously approved.
  - Amend
  - Clock starts when student enters Doctorate program.
  - Robert Rohli made a motion, Sabrina Taylor seconded, 0 abstained, and clock starting when Doctorial program is entered unanimously approved.

New Business:

- Predatory Journals (Heather McKillop)
  - Tabled

Committee Report:

- Graduate Faculty Status Committee (Rohli)
  - Affiliate applications – please send votes to Ashley Collins
  - Guide to Graduate Faculty Status was started last year.
    - Clarified what Affiliate committee can do.
    - 3P may NOT chair on committee but can serve and count in the minimum.
    - 3F may chair (with special approval), can serve on Masters and Doctorial committees, can count in the minimum.

- Andreas Giger will send edits.
- Thomas Greckhamer wants Vet Clinical track added.
  - Tabled
  - Andreas Giger made a motion, Ken Reichelt seconded, 0 abstained, and tabling Vet Clinical track unanimously approved.
- Graduate Council Constitution Committee (Spivak)
  - Additions to the policy are being made.
- Memoranda of Understanding Committee (Mitchell)
  - Health Science NOLA and Shreveport LSU Health has given feedback.
- Awards Committee (Taylor)
  - Uploaded into InfoReady & meeting tomorrow to review for edits.
- Promotion and Tenure Committee (Aghazadeh)
  - No Report

4:41pm Adjournment (Thomas Greckhamer):

- Mark Mitchell made a motion to adjourned, William Corbett seconded, was approved unanimously.

**Future Meetings:**

- Monday, November 13, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 4:50 PM // School of Music, Room 105 (Virginia Howard Board Room)
- Monday, December 11, 2023, from 3:00 PM to 4:50 PM// School of Music, Room 105 (Virginia Howard Board Room)

**Important Dates:**

- Graduation – December 2023

