

1 **Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council**
2 **May 7, 2024**

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4 **Members Present:** Amanda Shuford Mayeaux (Chair, EDFL), Marietta Adams (EDCI), Wesley Bradford
5 (MUS), Amy Brown, (PSYC), Ignatius Cahyanto (MKTG), Beenish Chaudhry (CMIX), Frank Del Favero
6 (EDFL), Raju Gottumukkala (MCHE), Robin Koytcheff (MATH), Christy Lenahan (NURS), Clement Okolo
7 (Ph.D. CS, GSO), Leah Orr (ENG), Nathan Rabalais (MODL), Catherine Roche-Wallace (MUS), Frances
8 Stueben (NURS), Peng Yin (MCHE), Mark Zappi (CHEE), Mary Farmer-Kaiser (ex-officio)

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10 **Members Absent:** Elena Babatsouli (CODI), Ashlie Boelkins (ARCH), Farzard Ferdowsi (EECE), Deedra
11 Harrington (NURS), Kalimuthu Krishnamoorthy (MATH), Javier Portillo-Elias (ECFN), LaToya Roberts (PhD
12 ALSS, GSO), Colleen Wolverson (MGMT), Rui Zhang (GEOS)

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14 **Approval of the April 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

15 Motion made to accept the April 8th meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried.

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17 **Committee Reports**

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19 **Curriculum Committee**

20 No report.

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22 **Student Appeals:**

23 No report.

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25 **Fellowships Committee**

26 No report.

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28 **Grad Faculty Committee**

29 No report. M. Farmer-Kaiser requested that the topic of graduate faculty and graduate membership
30 categories be included on the agenda in the Fall semester given on-going discussions.

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32 **IDEA Committee**

33 No report.

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35 **Old Business**

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37 **Preferred Names on Theses and Dissertations**

38 M. Farmer-Kaiser reported that she had reviewed the resolution with the Provost and that he supported
39 moving forward. The Graduate School will begin piloting implementation with the Summer graduation
40 manuscripts and updating the Guidelines for These, Dissertation, and Synthesis Project Preparation and
41 the manuscript submission webforms for full implementation in the Fall.

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43 **Commencement Graduate Council Representatives**

44 M. Farmer-Kaiser asked members of the Graduate Council to be prepared to read the updated
45 commencement message that is being delivered across all colleges during commencement on behalf of
46 the Graduate community if the designated faculty member is not able to attend.

1 **New Business**

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3 **University Committee on Graduate Student Success and Retention Annual Report**

4 P. de Mahy reviewed the report provided by E. Sandoz outlining the progress and goals of the
5 committee that was presented during the Annual Meeting of the Graduate Faculty. He noted the
6 updated mission and membership that was intended to reflect the committee’s focus on holistic student
7 success. A discussion followed on survey data, including the Exit and Climate surveys and how they will
8 inform future reporting in the Fall semester. P. de Mahy added that the committee shifted to a bi-
9 annual calendar of review and that the agenda items for all of the meetings in the Fall and Spring and
10 included those details in the report. Motion made to accept the report. Motion seconded and carried.

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12 **Recognition of Council Members whose terms are ending**

13 A. Mayeaux and M. Farmer-Kaiser thanked the members of the Council whose terms are ending with the
14 close of the academic year, as well as P. de Mahy, for their work to support graduate education and to
15 advocate for graduate students. M. Farmer-Kaiser then thanked A. Mayeaux on behalf of the Graduate
16 Council for her leadership as chairperson.

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18 **Graduate Council Elections**

19 A. Mayeaux opened the floor for nominations for chairperson of the Graduate Council for 2024-2025.
20 After one round of voting N. Rabalais was selected to serve as Graduate Council Chairperson for 2024-
21 2025. Motion seconded and carried.

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23 Motion made to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Motion seconded and carried.