

**Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council**  
**April 9, 2024**

**Members Present:** Amanda Shuford Mayeaux (Chair, EDFL), Mary Farmer-Kaiser (ex-officio), Elena Babatsouli (CODI), Wesley Bradford (MUS), Amy Brown, (PSYC), Ignatius Cahyanto (MKTG), Beenish Chaudhry (CMIX), Frank Del Favero (EDFL), Raju Gottumukkala (MCHE), Deedra Harrington (NURS), Robin Koytcheff (MATH), Christy Lenahan (NURS), Clement Okolo (Ph.D. CS, GSO), Leah Orr (ENG), Javier Portillo-Elias (ECON), Nathan Rabalais (MODL), Catherine Roche-Wallace (MUS), Frances Stueben (NURS), Colleen Wolverton (MGMT), Peng Yin (MCHE),

**Members Absent:** Marietta Adams (EDCI), Ashlie Boelkins (ARCH), Farzard Ferdowsi (EECE), Kelly Robinson (BIOL), LaToya Roberts (PhD ALSS, GSO), Mark Zappi (CHEE)

**Approval of the March 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to accept the March 12th meeting minutes with edits. Motion seconded and carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Curriculum Committee**

No report.

**Student Appeals:**

No report.

**Fellowships Committee**

No report.

**Grad Faculty Committee**

M. Farmer-Kaiser shared a report that was submitted by P. Lanier, not present, from the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee. The report detailed 19 graduate faculty applications that did not require Committee review as all three independent review entities (College Dean, Department Head, and College Peer Review Committee) were in agreement with recommendation for appointment at the level requested by the individual applicants. The report also detailed 9 graduate faculty applications that required review by the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee. After discussing the report, it was discovered that there were several typographical errors related to specific recommendations. A motion was made to accept all recommendations on the report that did not require edits, with the understanding that the Graduate School will make corrections and that updated recommendations would be approved in the May meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

**IDEA Committee**

No report.

**Old Business**

**Preferred Names on Theses and Dissertations**

M. Farmer-Kaiser reported that after submitting the recommendation to the Provost, he confirmed that he would discuss it with the President of the university for his approval.

1 **Graduate Faculty Membership: Emeritus/Retired Faculty and Non-Tenured/Tenure Track Temporary**  
2 **UL Employees**

3 A. Mayeaux revisited the discussion from the previous Graduate Council meeting about the possibility of  
4 creating new Graduate Faculty categories for emeritus and non-tenured/tenure track temporary UL  
5 Employees. She noted that in her program there was a strong need for additional faculty to serve on  
6 graduate students' committees and contribute their expertise. Several other members of the Graduate  
7 Council noted that their departments relied on faculty who were not tenured or tenure track to serve on  
8 committees. The general consensus was that creating these distinct categories would be beneficial,  
9 assuming that these graduate faculty would serve as chair. M. Farmer-Kaiser said that she has met with  
10 P. Lanier and that her committee will continue to work on this proposal.

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12 **New Business**

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14 **Commencement Graduate Council Representatives**

15 M. Farmer-Kaiser asked members of the Graduate Council to volunteer to read the message that is  
16 being delivered across all colleges during commencement on behalf of the Graduate community. She  
17 added that the message will be made available broadly to ensure someone at each ceremony will be able  
18 to read the it.

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20 **Graduate Council Elections and Call for Committee Interest**

21 M. Farmer-Kaiser reported that the form for Graduate Council nominations and committee interest has  
22 been made available to all graduate faculty and asked that members of the Graduate Council encourage  
23 their colleagues to participate. M. Farmer-Kaiser said that the results of the election will be reported  
24 during the annual meeting of the graduate faculty on May 1st.

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26 Motion made to adjourn at 2:49. Motion seconded and carried.