

1 **Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council**  
2 **March 14, 2023**  
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4 **Members Present:** Chad Parker (Chair, HIST), Brian Bolton (ECON), Elena Babatsouli (CODI), Amy Brown  
5 (PSYC), Beenish Chaudhry (CMIX), Frank Del Favero (EDFL), Lauren Van Gerwen (CMCN), Raphaël  
6 Gottardi (GEOL), Deedra Harrington (NURS), Amanda Shuford Mayeaux (EDFL), Clement Okolo (MS  
7 CMIX), Javier Portillo-Elias (ECON), LaToya Roberts (PhD ALSS), Frances Stueben (NURS), David Squires  
8 (ENGL), Peng Yin (MCHE), Mark Zappi (CHEE), M. Farmer-Kaiser (ex-officio)  
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10 **Members Absent:** Terrence Chambers (MCHE), Ashlie Latiolais (ARCH), Christy Lenahan (NUR), Colleen  
11 Wolverton (MGMT), Benjamin Yates (MUS), Marietta Adams (EDCI), James Albert (BIOL), Catherine  
12 Roche-Wallace (MUS)  
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14 **Approval of the February 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

15 Motion made to accept the February 14, 2022 meeting minutes with revisions to attendance. Motion  
16 seconded and carried.  
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18 **Committee Reports**

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20 **Curriculum Committee**

21 No report.  
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23 **Student Appeals**

24 No report.  
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26 **Fellowships Committee**

27 No report.  
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29 **IDEA Committee**

30 No report.  
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32 **Graduate Faculty Membership Committee**

33 No report.  
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35 **Old Business**  
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37 **Graduate Student Key Access Update**

38 C. Parker reported that he submitted a letter to the Provost outlining how the key access issue has been  
39 advocated for up to this point. He added that, after speaking to the Provost in person, they agreed that  
40 the topic should be readdressed with the University leadership.  
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42 **University Strategic Planning Update**

43 C. Parker confirmed that the current draft of the Strategic Plan is being sent back to their committee's  
44 task force for final review and the goal is for it to be completed in April.  
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46 **Grand Marshal**

47 M. Farmer-Kaiser reminded Council members that the deadline for nominating faculty for Grand  
48 Marshal is March 24 and that the nominations will be made available for review prior to the next

1 meeting. Council members will discuss nominations and vote on their selection during the April meeting.

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3 **New Business**

4 **Update on Dean Searches**

5 C. Parker provided an update from the Provost on the status of the three dean searches currently  
6 underway, noting that in some cases the searches had not yet begun. D. Harrington confirmed that the  
7 search committee for the dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences has requested to work  
8 with an external search firm. M. Zappi added that while search firms can be helpful, it has also been his  
9 experience that tasking the faculty with cultivating quality applicants from their network can be an  
10 effective way to conduct a deans search. A. Brown added that the search committee for the College of  
11 Liberal Arts had met and finalized and forwarded to Human Resources the ad for the dean's position. A.  
12 Mayeaux noted that the search committee for the College of Education and Human Development dean's  
13 position too has been appointed and that it had finalized the ad and they are awaiting approval for  
14 advertisement.

15 **Good of the Order**

16 **Graduate Student Appreciation Week, Call for Research Showcase Judges**

17 P. de Mahy outlined the events that would be taking place during Graduate Student Appreciation Week  
18 later that month, highlighted the Research Showcase in particular. M. Farmer-Kaiser asked for  
19 volunteers among the members of the committee to serve as coordinators of the competition in both  
20 the paper and poster categories, noting that the additional help would be appreciated given that the  
21 Graduate School office continues to be short-staffed. A. Brown, B. Chaudhry, C. Parker, D. Squires, and  
22 M. Zappi volunteered. M. Farmer-Kaiser thanked these members for their support and added that  
23 around \$3,000 in prizes would be given to graduate students in awards during Graduate Student  
24 Appreciation Week. P. de Mahy reviewed how the judging process will work for both competitions and  
25 several committee members volunteered to serve as judges and coordinators of the judging process.

26 Motion made to adjourn at 2:34. Motion seconded and carried.