UNIVERSITY OF South Carolina

The Graduate School

GRADUATE COUNCIL AGENDA
August 24th, 2020

To: Graduate Council

Dr. Jim Mensch, Chair; Drs. Suzannne Adlof, Nate Bell, Ron Benner, Matt Boylan, Joanna Casey, Robin DiPietro, Shana HarrIngton, Elise Ince, Hippokratis Kiaris, Carmen Maye, SrIharl NelakudItl, Stephen ShapIro, Todd Shaw, Spencer Platt, Sheryl Wiskur, Nikki Wooten, Songhua Xu, SudIpta Saha, GSA Representative; Murray Mitchell (Secretary), Dale Moore (Graduate School: ex officio member).

CC: President Bob Caslen, Provost William Tate, Katie Sites, Trena Houp, Deans, Department Chairs, Graduate Directors and Graduate Program Administrators

From: Dr. Cheryl Addy, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

The Graduate Council will meet virtually usIng MIcrosoft Teams on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Jim Mensch, Chair)

2. **Approval of the Minutes from May 11, 2020.** Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at: http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp

3. **Report of the Chair** (Jim Mensch)

4. **Report of the Dean of Graduate School** (Cheryl Addy)

5. **Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council** (Murray Mitchell)

6. **Report on Professional Development** (TBA)

7. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Sudipta Saha)

8. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (TBA)

9. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses, Distributed Learning and Special Topics Courses** (Murray Mitchell)

This report is presented to Council for informational purposes only; no action is necessary.

500/600 Courses for August 2020 Grad Council
(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal; STC=Special Topics Course)

PSYC 565 (3) Psychology of Physical Activity (CCP: Fall 2021)
RUSS 518 (3) Medieval Russian Culture (NCP: Spring 2021)
RUSS 520 (3) Russian Modernism: Love, Sex and Politics in Revolutionary Russia (NCP: Spring 2021)
RUSS 530 (3) Homer in Russia (NCP: Spring 2021)
RUSS 540 (3) Writing Russian National Identity (NCP: Spring 2021)

Distributed Learning Proposals

EDEX 691 (3) Collaborative Partnerships PK-12 (CCP: Summer 2020)
PSYC 565 (3) Psychology of Physical Activity (CCP: Fall 2021)

Special Topics Course Proposals

These proposals will now go directly to the Registrar for scheduling.

10. **Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations** (Murray Mitchell)

Name:	**Darun Barazanchy** (PhD)
Program:	Mechanical Engineering
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2024

Name:	**Michael van Tooren** (PhD)
Program:	Mechanical Engineering
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2024

11. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (TBA)

12. **Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (TBA)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Each curricular action can be viewed at this Public Agenda review site:

At this Public Agenda link, the individual proposals are not live-linked, but agenda items are listed in alphabetical order. To view the full proposals, GC members and Committee Chairs still need to go to the Committee Review site, and filter for "Committees", then for the "Committee" called "Added to Grad Council agenda."

None at this time.

13. **R**epor**t of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Robin DiPietro)

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None at this time.

14. **Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee** (TBA)

15. **Other Committee Reports**

16. **Old Business**

17. **New Business**
Presidential Fellow Criteria. Please see attachment.

18. **Good of the Order**

19. **Adjournment**

May 15, 2020

***Re: Report Out from AY 2019-2020 Scholarships and Fellowships Committee
and Future Suggestions***

Dear Vice Provost Addy, Associate Dean Mitchell, Associate Dean Brandt, and Mr. Culpepper:

After another very successful year of the Scholarships and Fellowships Committee, we have some suggestion for your consideration, especially regarding the Presidential Fellowship.

- Committee supports future University-level considerations to not require the GRE, which this is currently a threshold for the PF nomination
- Committee suggests that in the future, additional information is disseminated to Graduate Directors about "suggested qualifications and/or characteristics of a Presidential Fellowship" (listed below). This should be communicated clearly in the letter from the Graduate Director. This letter should not be generic and will hold more weight in the future as the committee weighs the unique contributions of each applicant against the aims of the program and PF cohort composition.
  - Linkages between the incoming student, potential advisor, and other entities on campus
  - Candidate's potential contribution to the mission of the University / College / Program
  - Unique qualities of the incoming student that make him/her an outstanding addition to the Presidential Fellowship cohort
  - Track record of significant accomplishments and special interests
  - Exceptional creativity
  - Commitment to improving the lives of others
  - Capacity for leadership
- Committee recommends continuing the policy that only two nominations are submitted per unit limit and that both nominations submitted in the same round.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Taylor Ellis, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Department of Geography
WINDlab Director

On behalf of the 2019-2020 Scholarships and Fellowships Committee:
Dr. Nate Bell (Nursing), Dr. Kirk Foster (Social Work), Dr. Jim Mensh (Athletic Training), Dr. Greg Stuart (Music), Dr. Songhua Xu (Engineering)