

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2021 - ZOOM

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jennifer Bergner, MSME  
Melissa Bugdal, Fulton Rep  
Celine Carayon, HIST  
Kacie Cassar, GSC President  
Maida Finch, Ed.D./REED  
James Fox, EDLD  
Elizabeth Geiger, OGS  
Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies  
Martin Hunter, Registrar  
Mary Hylton, MSW  
Carolynne King, At-Large Seat  
Laura Marinaro, MSAT  
Scott Mazzetti, AHPH  
John Nieves – ENG, Faculty Senate Liaison  
Karen Olmstead, Provost

Dana Price, BIO  
Vicki Root, CHHS Rep  
Jessica Scott, OGS  
Keetha Soosaipillai, CADR  
Star Weaver, MAT  
Thea Williamson, Seidel Rep

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Annette Barnes, DNP/Nursing  
Christina Bradley, Henson Rep  
Doug DeWitt, Ed Leadership and Chair  
Stuart Hamilton, GIS  
Yvonne Downie Hanley, M.B.A.

I. Call to Order – 3:33 p.m.

II. Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Curriculum

BIOL 567 – New Course Proposal

- Course was taught for 1 cycle.
- Lecture/lab course, elective in the new Biological Sciences Environmental Track (under development). They expect it to attract students from inside and outside the ecology concentration and in other majors like chemistry, geology, and biology minors.
- J. Nieves recommended approval. S. Weaver seconded.
- Vote: Unanimous

EDCI 730 – Change to Course Proposal

- EDCI 730 has been replaced by EDCI 800 Research Seminar I to better prepare the doctoral students for the dissertation. This course is no longer a part of our required course sequence.
- J. Nieves recommended approval. S. Weaver seconded.
- Vote: Unanimous

EDCI 746 – Change to Course Proposal

- EDCI 746 has been replaced by EDCI 801 Research Seminar II to better prepare the doctoral students for the dissertation. This course is no longer a part of our required course sequence.
- J. Nieves recommended approval. S. Weaver seconded.
- Vote: Unanimous

EDCI 815 – Change to Course Proposal





## IX. GSC Remarks – K. Cassar

Held movie night to celebrate Black History Month  
Worked with Dr. Walton to have a Fellowship Workshop  
Planning Resume/Cover Letter Workshops  
Working with Honors College to have graduate panel to answer questions for undergrads.  
Trying to get a dedicated office space for GSC.  
Trying to get Volunteer Center reestablished.  
C. Griffin thanked Kacie and the GSC group for their outstanding community outreach. They are doing a great job filling needs and congratulated them on the great response to their PPE drive.

## X. Dean's Remarks

Thanks to J. Scott for getting the shared courses online It help to have them in one place and can be promoted to students.

## XI. Other Remarks

M. Hunter - Don't forget to update incomplete grades. Student cannot graduate with an "I". Will be working on a process to automatically move unchanged grades to an "F" unless an extension is in place.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.  
Submitted by Jessica Scott