

## MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, September 23, 2022 – 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

**Chair** – Mark Del Mastro, Academic Affairs

**Members Present:** Emily Beck (LALE/ESOL), Keonya Booker (GSO), Mike Braswell (ACCY), Navid Hashemi (DATA), Alex Kasman (MASC), Kate Keeney (ARCM), Ellie Lovellette (CSIS), Ron Magnuson (MBA), Will McCorkle (MTLA), Purushottam Meena (SCIM/SOB), Shawn Morrison (CGE), Matt Nowlin (MPA), John Peters (SMFE), Craig Plante (MBIO), Susan Simonian (MSCL), Allan Strand (BIOL/SSM), Maren Trochmann (POLI/HSS), Laura Turner (EDPA), Anton Vander Zee (ENGL), Tony Varallo (MFA)

**Guests Present:** Tom Buchheit (RO), Tiffany Harris (TEDU), Alan Kleinfeld (LGC), Aimée Pfeifer (Registrar), Paul Schwager (SOB)

**GSO Staff Present:** Susan Hallatt (Admissions), Robyn Olejniczak (Assistant Dean)

**I. Welcome** – the meeting was called to order at 3:02pm

**II. Approval of the Minutes April 22, 2022 Meeting** – unanimous approval

**III. Curriculum Proposals** – Shawn Morrison, CGE

**A. Teacher Education**

- i. EDFS 670 Principles and Strategies for Teaching Multilingual Learners (PK-12): course title change
- ii. EDFS 671 Teaching Reading and Writing to PK-12 Multilingual Learners: course title change, course description change
- iii. EDFS 672 Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Education: course description change
- iv. EDFS 673 Assessing Student Performance: course description change
- v. EDFS 674 Linguistics for Multilingual Learner Program Specialists: course title change, course description change
- vi. EDFS 704 Practicum in the Instruction of Multilingual Learners: course title change, course description change
- vii. EDFS 793 Clinical Practice in Multilingual Learner Education: new course
- viii. Multilingual Learners MAT: new program

**B. Multilingual Learners Graduate Certificate**

- i. Program change: name change

**C. Languages, MED**

- i. Program change: emphasis name change

Emily Beck (LALE/ESOL) described the changes to update program terminology from English to speakers of other languages (ESOL) to multilingual learners to adhere to new norms. The proposals passed unanimously without discussion.

**IV. Lowcountry Graduate Center Opportunities** – Alan Kleinfeld, LGC

Alan Kleinfeld, Director of the LGC, reminded the group that the LGC no longer has a physical location and is managed virtually by himself. He asked that program directors review the LGC's website to ensure accuracy. Kleinfeld (LGC) also announced that the Center oversees opportunity

funds available to graduate programs at the College, and information about how to apply will be sent shortly.

#### **V. Announcements, Updates, and Reminders – GSO Staff**

Robyn Olejniczak (GSO) announced two upcoming events for program directors to keep in mind: the fellowship reception on October 28 and the 3MT competition on November 14. Both were paused or hosted virtually due to the pandemic, but they will be in-person events this semester.

Alex Kasman (MASC) asked if there was any information about changes to graduate tuition. Keonya Booker (GSO) responded that nothing has changed regarding the rates, but a proposal is likely to go to the Board of Trustees soon. Anton Vander Zee (ENGL) noted that it is strange that this proposal moved forward without program director review or feedback. Booker (GSO) agreed. Ron Magnuson (MBA) asked if CFO John Loonan could share his methodology used in the proposal. Susan Simonian (MSCL) asked if the proposal included changes to scholarships or other funding support. Olejniczak (GSO) responded that it likely does not but does not know for certain.

Booker (GSO) announced that there were no candidates for the executive leadership team of the Graduate Student Association, so no election was held; these are important roles and shared governance with student leadership is important. Beck (LAL/ESOL) inquired about the role of GSA and graduation regalia, and asked if they were responsible for distribution. Olejniczak (GSO) clarified that the GSA manages its own stock of regalia and rents or loans it to students as a service; they are not responsible for distributing regalia to all graduate students. Allan Strand (BIOL/SSM) wondering if the lack of interest was a symptom of general disenfranchisement. Booker (GSO) noted that there is a known lack of community amongst graduate students; the Graduate School is open to suggestions. Laura Turner (EDPA) wondered if funds could be distributed to program directors for social events, food, etc.

Turner (EDPA) raised the issue of the adjunct pay rate for graduate courses; it was decreased from \$450 per student to \$400 without notice. She had to tell her faculty after they had already agreed to teach this semester that their pay was being decreased.

Kasman (MASC) noticed that there were delays in assistantship paperwork processing this semester. Olejniczak (GSO) responded that there are several new staff in the Career Center as well as a high volume of hiring paperwork submitted at the beginning of the fall semester; this may have contributed to the delays.

#### **VI. For the Good of the Order**

There were no comments for the good of the order.

#### **VII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 3:42pm**