The Graduate Council met on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 2:00PM in room 311 of the Byrnes Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Matt Brown, Chair; Drs. Drucilla Barker, Bobby Brame, Jr., Cathy Brant, Matthew Childs, Dirk den Ouden, Maryah Fram, Jason Hattrick-Simpers, Caryn Outten, Douglas Pittman, David Tedeschi, Scott White; Mark VanDriel, GSA Representative.

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Swann Adams, Blaine Griffen, Sali Li, David Stodden, Kellee White, and Susan Yeargin.

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Cheryl Addy, Dr. Murray Mitchell, Dale Moore, Wanda Barr, and Emily Rendek.

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Kristia Finnigan

Guests: Drs. Hiram McDade, Bob Brookshire, and Stephanie Burgess

NOTE: These minutes will become final on December 12, 2016 if not challenged.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Matt Brown, Chair)

   Dr. Brown called the meeting to order at 2:02pm and received Council approval of the agenda.

2. **Approval of the Minutes from October 24, 2016.** The minutes were reviewed electronically and approved by the Council. Minutes are on file at The Graduate School website at: http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp

3. **Report of the Chair** (Matt Brown)

   Dr. Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Associate/Assistant Graduate Deans’ Council with Dean Addy and Murray. The group is scheduled to meet four times a year. Good conversations and good information flows from these meetings in an effort to increase the probability that issues arising in the colleges can get to the right place for action, and that important information for colleges gets to them.

   Dr. Heather Brandt, Associate Dean for Professional Development in the Graduate School, shared a few updates with the Council. Their first advisory meeting was held on November 10th. It was co-led by Kellee White from the Graduate Council and Jennifer Mandlebaum. The meeting was very well
attended and very productive. There is a lot of interest in bringing together unit level activities for professional development to coordinate efforts and to try to scale up those efforts. These meetings will occur quarterly and the next meeting is scheduled for February 2017. The intent is to make sure that anyone who graduates from USC with a graduate degree has the opportunity to develop various competencies.

The Graduate Civics Scholars Program is designed to offer an opportunity to graduate students at both the masters and doctorate level to participate in a program that helps to foster their work with community partners and agencies and engage in civic activity. This program has been led by Kirk Foster from Social Work and co-led by Allison Marsh from History. Starting in May, Lucy A. Ingram from Public Health and Allison Marsh will be leading that program. We really want your help as members of the Council in getting out information about the Graduate Civics Scholars Program. The deadline for applications will be January 31, 2017.

The Presidential Fellowship guidelines and deadlines will be coming out in the next week or so. The first deadline, as in the past, will be in January 2017, and this will be a cumulative process. Some adjustments have been made including a limit in how many submissions a program can enter. In the past they have received as much as eight submissions from one program. This is not what the Presidential Fellowship was designed for; so, the limit is now three submissions to take into account larger programs. Those three submissions will be ranked as in the past. The leader of this program, Scott White, will continue the focus on insuring diversity in the Presidential Fellows in terms of the programs and other characteristics. They have a real lack of representation from first generation college students. A lot of the past cohort submissions actually had parents who had graduate degrees. Stay tuned for more information.

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

Dr. Addy thanked Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Finnigan, and the Humanities and Sciences committees for all of the hard work that they put in this month as they reviewed and processed the great number of proposals. She also thanked GSA Representative Mark VanDriel for attending the meeting with President Pastides and commented that he represented well. She does expect that Mark will hear from President Pastides very soon.

Dr. Addy also announced that Dr. Finnigan, who has been faithful member of the Council, will be retiring at the end of January. She announced that Dr. Tena Crews has accepted the position. This position has been restructured as Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Director for Distributed Learning. She will officially begin in January but she has already been spending time with Dr. Finnigan to begin to learn some of what Dr. Finnigan has been doing. Thanks to Dr. Finnigan for her tremendous work with all of our course approval processes.

A broad message to take back to your departments that came up at the Associate and Assistant Deans meeting last week is about the frequent challenges of keeping everything up to date with policies and practices in making sure that we are keeping our bulletin entries updated, our student handbooks or websites updated. We need to make sure that we are appropriately addressing the issues about how our students progress. Some of the recent issues had to do with comprehensive exams (passing or not passing) and retakes. Since so many of you are graduate directors or have served as graduate directors, please make sure that you have covered yourself as to what will you do when a student does not pass the competency exam for the second time. Make sure your information is up to date. Think about
those procedures and try to address things before they happen. As you are conducting your review, if you find challenges of not being able to find information in the bulletin or finding contradictory information, let the Council know.

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

Dr. Mitchell stated that one thing that seems to be notably absent from many departments and colleges is a grievance, appeal and petition process. Every department and college should have one because if a student brings an issue to the Graduate Council, it will come to him initially before it reaches the Graduate Council. When this happens, he will look for evidence that the issue has been through the process within the program, department, and the college before the Graduate Council will see it. If you don’t have one, you will be forced to make an emergency decision which won’t be the most desirable way to deal with those kinds of things. Having a grievance, appeal and petition process in place would be helpful to have in a graduate handbook, on your website, or any number of places where people can access it; so, they know what to do in the event of a concern.

He also asked that Council members explore a way to report back to your colleagues what goes on in the Graduate Council meetings. Please don’t just show them the agenda as few people want to read through it. The best way would be to share the key points or specific things that might directly pertain to a certain department or college. If you are not already sharing details with your Associate Dean or Dean, please find such a mechanism to share the pertinent points. In case your department has graduate related issues that the Council needs to hear about, your colleagues will know that you are the person to bring that forward to us. Making yourself visible within your program or college would be most helpful.

Dr. Mitchell also shared some relevant information that was discussed in the Associate/Assistant Graduate Dean meeting that colleagues, admins, and others in your programs need to know. In the past, the Graduate School required that Graduate Assistants be enrolled in classes before their hiring paperwork could be submitted, but that requirement was changed a few years ago. Please hire them now. Let the students know that they must enroll. Waiting to hire delays their paycheck and delays their being coded as a GA and having their bills correct. Once the semester begins, we will conduct an enrollment check to make sure they are enrolled. If they are not enrolled, we will let you know that they aren’t enrolled. We will terminate if no enrollment takes place in a timely manner.

Special Enrollment (previously and also known as Z Status) is an enrollment exception for students who are ABD (All But Dissertation) or ABT (All But Thesis). If they have completed all of their coursework, they are eligible to apply for Special Enrollment. **International students are eligible for Special Enrollment.** It has been brought to our attention that some international students have been told that they must be enrolled for 9 hours even when they are ABD. This is not true. There is an additional form that they must complete with International Student Services (ISS), but they are eligible for Special Enrollment.

Graduate assistants can be hired for 20 hours per week. There is an appeal process to petition for an additional 5 hours per week, and 25 hours is the maximum number of hours per week that will be approved. It is our commitment and intent that they finish their degree. International students are not eligible to exceed 20 hours per week due to immigration regulations.

Please encourage your administrative personnel to purge their files and update their hard to find forms
(Change of Grade, Assignment of W, Make-up Grade of W, etc.). No forms now should require social security numbers. All forms now have been updated for use with Banner/USC ID numbers or VIP numbers to identify and track students. We are trying hard to purge all references to Social Security Numbers in an effort to increase data security for everyone in the Carolina Community.

He also wanted to thank Dr. Finnigan and the chairs and committee members for all of heavy lifting this time of the year with all of the processing to get updates in the new Bulletin by the end of the year.

The next Graduate Council meeting will take place on December 12th, which is the same day as Commencement in the Koger Center for the Arts for the doctoral hooding, and additional ceremonies at the Colonial Life Arena in the afternoon. A request was made to adjust our meeting time from 2:00 to 1:00 pm so people will be able to make the afternoon ceremonies. The Council members present kindly agreed to modify this meeting time. Reminder notifications will be sent out regarding this change.

6. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Mark VanDriel)

Mr. VanDriel reported that GSA will be holding special elections. Nominations will go out this week for filling the role of president. He encourages anyone who knows students who feel they might excel in this type of position to apply to run in this election. The more students involved the better. This is a great opportunity as this person will only be serving for half a year which will allow more time to devote to their work and gain great experience.


Dr. den Ouden reported that they are collecting data on the international program development as it pertains to graduate students and he expects that they will begin talks and interviews after the holidays.

8. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses, Distance Education and Special Courses**

(Murray Mitchell)

This report is for information purposes only. No action is required. I participate in an ex officio capacity on two committees reporting to the Faculty Senate for undergraduate courses proposals. My assignment is to ensure that sufficient accommodations are made for 500 and 600 level classes to warrant the awarding of graduate credits.

A listing of 500/600 Level Courses receiving approval is below:

**500/600 Courses**

- **BIOL 541** (3) Biochemistry (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
- **BIOL 545** (3) Biochemistry/Molecular Biology I (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
- **BIOL 546** (3) Biochemistry/Molecular Biology II (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
- **BIOL 614** (3) Stem Cell Biology (New Course Proposal) (Fall 2017)
- **CHEM 545** (3) Physical Biochemistry (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
- **CHEM 550** (3) Biochemistry (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
- **CHEM 550L** (1) Biochemistry Lab (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
- **CHEM 555** (3) Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
- **CHEM 556** (3) Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
CSCE 517 (3) Computer Crime and Forensics (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
CSCE 518 (3) Ethical Hacking (New Course Proposal) (Fall 2017)
ECHE 567 (3) Process Safety, Health and Loss Prevention (Pre-requisite change) (Fall 2017)
ECHE 571 (3) Corrosion Engineering (Pre-requisite change – Fall 2017)
ECIV 588 (3) Design of Railway Bridges and Structures (Pre-requisite change – Fall 2017)
ECIV 590 (3) Special Topics in Civil and Environmental Engineering (New Course Proposal – 2017)
ECON 514 (3) The Economics of Terrorism (New Course Proposal) (Fall 2017)
EDEL 505 (3) Nature and Management of Elementary Classrooms (renumber to 305) (Fall 2017)
ELCT 541 (3) Sensors for Biomedicine (New Course Proposal) (Fall 2017)
HRTM 592 (1) Golf Tourism Consumer Services (New Course Proposal) (Fall 2017)
HRTM 593 (1) Golf Tourism Supervisory Skill (New Course Proposal) (Fall 2017)
HRTM 594 (1) Golf Tourism Leadership Skills (New Course Proposal) (Fall 2017)
ITEC 544 (3) Training Systems (Pre-requisite change – Fall 2017)
ITEC 545 (3) Integrated Information Technology (Pre-requisite change – Fall 2017)
ITEC 560 (3) Analysis and Applications of Project Management Software (Pre-requisite change – Fall 2017)
ITEC 562 (3) Advanced Web Support Systems (Pre-requisite change – Fall 2017)
ITEC 564 (3) Project Management for Information Systems (Pre-requisite change – Fall 2017)
ITEC 570 (3) Database Management and Administration (Pre-requisite change – Fall 2017)
ITEC 590 (3) Special Topics in Integrated Information Technology (Pre-requisite change—Fall 2017)
MGMT 590 (3) Special Topics in Management (New Course Proposal (Fall 2017)
MUSC 595 (2) Community Engagement Through Music (New Course Proposal – Fall 2017)
The same ex officio responsibility applies to 500 and 600 level classes that will be offered via distance education.

Distance Education Delivery Courses

ENCP 605 (3) Principles of Engineering for Teachers (Spring 2017)
SPTE 655 (3) Social Media in Live Entertainment and Sport (Spring 2017)

The special topics courses below do require an endorsement by the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council members have entrusted to me the responsibility for reviewing proposed special topics courses to ensure the syllabus meets minimal expectations, to monitor for attention to proposals that may require endorsements from other content areas, and to try to monitor the extent to which these proposals are as intended (e.g., capitalizing on a unique opportunity to facilitate study on a topic, or, to explore the viability of a course for subsequent delivery as a ‘permanent’ course). When approved, proposals are forwarded to the Office of the Registrar for action. Topic numbers and titles are presented below. If anyone has questions about proposals, copies of the syllabus are available upon request.

Special Topics Courses

ANTH 591 (3) Gender Issues in China (Spring 2017)
BADM 790 (3) Turnover and The Research Enterprise (Spring 2017)
BMEN 589 (3) Modeling of Cell Biology (Spring 2017)
CSCE 590 (3) Strategic Management of Information Systems (Spring 2017)
ENHS 592 (3) Oceans and Human Health: An Ecosystem and Public Health Perspective (Cross-listed with MSCI 599, Spring 2017)
ENHS 793 (3) Introduction to Nanoanalytics (Spring 2017)
ENVR 800 (3) Reinventing the Naturalist (Spring 2017)
EXSC 555 (3) How to Bust Exercise Myths: Evidence-Based Practice in Exercise Science (Spring 2017)
EXSC 555 (3) Planning and Development of the Explosive Athlete (Spring 2017)
FAMS 701 (3) Race and Media—Cross-listed with ENGL 765 (Spring 2017)
HPEB 792 (3) Advanced Public Health Communication: Theory & Methods (Spring 2017)
HPEB 792 (3) Cooking up a Storm: Food, Globalization, Localization, and Health in the South (Spring 2017)
IBUS 790 (3) International Innovation and Regional Clusters (Spring 2017)
MATH 599 (3) Quantitative Biology (cross-listed with BIOS 599; Spring 2017)
MSCI 599 (3) Data Collection and Analysis Methods in Marine Science (Spring 2017)
MUSC 726 (3) Passion and Requiem (Spring 2017)
SOWK 768 (3) Grant Writing (Spring 2017)
SOWK 768 (3) Health Aspects of Aging (Spring 2017)
SOWK 768 (3) Immigration Policy (Spring 2017)
SOWK 768 (3) International Social Work (Spring 2017)
SOWK 768 (3) Parenting Interventions (Spring 2017)
SOWK 768 (3) Youth and Substance Use (Spring 2017)

The courses presented were unanimously approved by vote of the Graduate Council.
9. **Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations** (Murray Mitchell)

The following nominations have met published requirements for membership as Associate Graduate Faculty members. Files are available upon request. Action to endorse these nominations is required by the Graduate Council.

- **Name:** Mary Foster Cox, Ph.D.
  **Program:** College of Nursing
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Sabra Custer, D.N.P.
  **Program:** College of Nursing
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Victoria H. Davis, D.N.P.
  **Program:** College of Nursing
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Cristy DeGregory, Ph.D.
  **Program:** College of Nursing
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Amy Dievendorf, D.N.P.
  **Program:** College of Nursing
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Panyiotis Doutis, Ph.D.
  **Program:** Department of Physical Education
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Ronit Elk, Ph.D.
  **Program:** College of Nursing
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Gwen Geidel, Ph.D.
  **Program:** School of the Earth, Ocean & Environment
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Shelli Gibbs, D.N.P.
  **Program:** College of Nursing
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Patrick Hickey, Dr. PH
  **Program:** College of Nursing
  **Term:** Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

- **Name:** Deb McQuilkin, D.N.P.
Program: College of Nursing
Term: Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

Name: Georgia L. Narsavage, Ph.D.
Program: College of Nursing
Term: Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

Name: Jennifer R. Pounelle, Ph.D.
Program: Environment and Sustainability, SEOE
Term: Spring, 2017 – Spring, 2023

Name: Alicia K. Ribar, Ph.D.
Program: College of Nursing
Term: Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

Name: Joynelle L. Rivers, D.Ed.
Program: College of Nursing
Term: Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

Name: Abbas, S. Tavakoli, Dr.PH
Program: College of Nursing
Term: Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

Name: Kelley Wilson, D.N.P.
Program: College of Nursing
Term: Fall, 2016 – Fall, 2022

All nominations received unanimous support by the Graduate Council.

10. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Scott White)

No report at this time.

11. Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee (David Tedeschi)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Each curricular action can be viewed at this Public Agenda review site: https://www.sc.edu/programproposal/gradagenda/?id=18

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- BIOL 711 (3) Structure and Function of Nucleic Acids, Arts and Sciences, CCP: Fall 2017
- BIOL 717 (3) Biological Chemistry, Arts and Sciences, CCP: Fall 2017
- CHEM 751 (3) Biosynthesis of Macromolecules, Arts and Sciences, CCP: Fall 2017
- CHEM 752 (3) Regulation and Integration of Metabolism, Arts and Sciences, CCP: Fall 2017
- **CHEM 753** (3) Enzymology and Protein Chemistry, Arts and Sciences, CCP: Fall 2017
- **COMD 748** (2) Speech Pathology Management of Patients with Tracheostomy & Ventilator Dependency, Public Health, NCP: Spring 2018
- **ENHS Major / Degree Program**, Public Health, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **EPBO Major / Degree Program**, PhD in Epidemiology, Public Health, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **EPBO Major / Degree Program**, PhD in Biostatistics, Public Health, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **EPBO Major / Degree Program**, Dr.PH in Biostatistics, Public Health, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **EPID 700** (3) Introduction to Epidemiology, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2017
- **EXSC Major / Degree Program**, Public Health, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **HPEB Major / Degree Program**, Dr.PH in Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, Public Health, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **HPEB Major / Degree Program**, PhD in Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, Public Health, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **HSPM Dual Degree Program**, MPA/MPH dual degree, Public Health, New Program: Fall 2017
- **NURS Major / Degree Program**, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **NURS Major / Degree Program**, PhD in Nursing Practice, Nursing, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **NURS Academic Certificate**, Nursing Administration, Nursing, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **NURS 703** (3) Nursing Leadership Development, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2017
- **NURS 737** (3) Seminar on Advanced Practice Roles, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2017
- **NURS 761** (3) Neuroscientific Basis of Behavior and Psychopharmacological Treatment, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2017
- **NURS 897** (1-6) DNP Clinical Dissertation and Residency, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: DNP Project Preparation and Residency. Grading System will be T/U. Fall 2017.
- **PHYT Major / Degree Program**, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Public Health, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **STAT 770** (3) Categorical Data Analysis, Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2017

*All proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.*

12. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Drucilla Barker)

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- **BADM Academic Certificate**, Business, Change Program: Fall 2017
- **CRIM Academic Certificate**, Criminal Justice Leadership Certificate, Arts and Sciences, Terminate Program: Fall 2017
- **HRSM 700** (3) Quantitative Methods in HRSM, HRSM, NCP: Fall 2017
- **HRSM 788** (3) Applied Research in HRSM, HRSM, CCP: Fall 2017
- **HRTM Major / Degree Program**, PhD in Hospitality Management, HRTM, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **HRTM 781** (3) Seminar on the Olympic Games, HRTM, NCP: Fall 2017
- **HRTM 890** (3) Pedagogy in Hospitality and Tourism Management, HRTM, NCP: Spring 2017
- **IBUS 720** (3) International Entrepreneurship, Business. NCP: Spring 2017
- **ITEC Major / Degree Program**, Health Information Technology, MHIT, HRSM, Program Change: Fall 2017
- **ITEC 748** (3) HRSM, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2017
- **JOUR Major / Degree Program**, MA in Journalism, Information and Communications, Program Change: Fall 2017
- **JOUR Major / Degree Program**, PhD in Mass Communications, Information and Communications, Program Change: Fall 2017
- **JOUR Major / Degree Program**, MMC in Journalism and Mass Communications, Information and Communications, Program Change: Fall 2017
- **JOUR Major / Degree Program**, MMC In Journalism and Mass Communications, Information and Communications, Program Change: Fall 2017
- **JOUR 705** (3) Integrated Communications Principles, Information and Communications, CCP: Fall 2017
- **JOUR 715** (3) Integrated Communications Strategies, Information and Communications, CCP: Fall 2017
- **JOUR 717** (3) Methods in Content Analysis Research, Information and Communications, NCP: Spring 2017
- **JOUR 725** (3) Integrated Communication Campaigns, Information and Communications, CCP: Fall 2017
- **JOUR 750** (3) Foundations of Multimedia Journalism, Information and Communications, NCP: Fall 2017
- **MGMT 719** (3) Management of Compensation, Business, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2017
- **MUSC**, Community Engagement, Music, New Program: Fall 2017
- **PHIL Major / Degree Program**, Philosophy, M.A., Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **PHIL Major / Degree Program**, Philosophy, Ph.D., Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **POLI Major / Degree Program**, MA in International Studies, Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
- **RFMR Major / Degree Program**, Retailing, M.R., HRSM, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017

No report at this time.

14. **Other Committee Reports**

15. **Old Business**

16. **New Business**

17. **Good of the Order**

- Dr. Mitchell reminded Council members and guests to please sign in on the Attendance Sheet for proper documentation.
- Council members were reminded of our next meeting: **Monday, December 12, at 1:00 pm.**

18. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

**CC:**

Harris Pastides, President
Joan Gabel, Provost
Cheryl Addy, Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School
Deans
Department Chairs
Graduate Directors
Aaron Marterer, University Registrar
Elaine Belesky, Office of the Registrar
Andrew Graves, Office of the Registrar