

# Graduate Council

## Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2019

220 Van Wormer Hall

**Attendees:** Quinn Ankrum, Flavia Bastos, Rhonda Brown, Doug Burgess, Ron Debry, Amy Fathman, Dan Gottlieb, Ana Hincapie, James Mack, Olivier Parent, GA Rassati, Sid Sridhar, Roger Worrell

**Absent:** Edson Cabalfin, Gary Dick, Ari Finkelstein, Stephen Mockabee, Chip Montrose, Chris Sullivan

**Staff:** Catherine Smith

Agenda Items	Synopsis of Discussion	Outcome
<i>Meeting Minutes</i>	Approval of October 22, 2019 minutes	The minutes were unanimously approved.
<i>Discussion Topics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on GSHI Discussions</li><li>• Policies affecting student engagement and advancement</li><li>• Access to assign a course grade of NG (no grade)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All parties agreed that this is a major issue that needs the utmost attention and was appreciative that the Provost's and President's offices are working towards solutions. GC believes we need to provide a health care plan that is in the best interest of all graduate students and was disappointed to hear that there are discussions about reducing aspects of student health insurance that would limit care for pregnancy and/or mental health.</li><li>• The College of Engineering and Applied Science presented their thoughts while others weighed in. The Graduate School said they would draft a policy based on these discussions that could be further discussed at the December meeting. Some members of the committee did not think they would be able to make it to the December meeting and asked if they could have a fill-in or postpone to the January meeting.</li><li>• After a brief discussion, there was unanimous approval to remove the option of an NG grade.</li></ul>
<i>Next Meeting</i>	January 28, 2020	