

## **Graduate Council Agenda**

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **Welcome/Introductions**

#### **Graduate Admissions Updates:**

- Office restructuring – About 5 folks will be working on graduate student recruitment
- New CRM (Slate) Leader: Greg
- Fall 2025 Admissions Application open (spring and summer 2025 as well)

#### **Graduate College Pillars (2024-2025)**

- Mentorship
- Partnership
- Student Success

#### **GC Representatives Check-In**

- Gabrielle will reach out about alternates to confirm for 2024-2025 if needed

#### **Curriculum Committee – Tai Collins**

**Updates:** Curriculum Coaching, LCB Names Change (14 moving through process), preparing for CCGS

**Vote:** LCB Name Changes

**Vote passes.**

#### **Full-Time Standing (9 vs 10)**

- **Discussion:** 9 potentially helpful for student costs, programs with 9 credit hr per semester pace, financial aid, avoiding 174 rule issues. Complications include potential revenue lost, billing changes in system, Catalyst updates, health insurance/rec center/other triggers. Lowering the amount of credit hours for a program is not encouraged. Gathering feedback phase of discussion. Implementation would take quite some time. Fall 2025 would be ambitious.

#### **Faculty Learning Community Update**

- Result of grant from Dr. Bleuzette Marshall: making graduate education more accessible
- \$2,500 in funds for participants
- Keep in mind for 2025-26

#### **Retention**

- **Discussion:** “Retention at all costs” feeling, big push at UC right now, range of successful #s. Reference to Sarah Matthew’s dashboard. Look for and share best practices. Counseling students exiting programs on additional options within UC. Rewarding and encouraging mentors (since mentors are connected to student retention). Big barriers/challenges: personal crises,

financial crises: referral to GC emergency fund and other resources. Childcare: advocating for cheaper rates, housing with childcare.

### **Summer Engagement Recap**

- Doctoral Compensation Taskforce: finalizing recommendations. Aiming for full report in Sep/Oct.
- Policy Workgroups: using drafts/docs to update policies. 9 policies adjustments and more under review.
- "Making Graduate Education More Accessible" Discussion: ongoing conversations with recommendations at end of year. Focus groups with students coming.

### **Fall 2024 Events/Announcements**

- Fall New Student Orientation (8/30)
- Program Director and Coordinator Training – (9/5)
- Postdoc Appreciation Week (9/16 – 9/20)
- **State of Graduate Education (9/25)**
  - **3:00 pm in Clifton Court, 1170**
- Graduate Student Leadership Summit (9/27)
- CoLabEx: [Workshops throughout semester](#)
  - Symposium (10/25)
- World Kindness Week (11/11 - 11/17)
- Working on clarifying needs for chair extensions – Discussion led by Tayo Banjo and Tai Collins
- Vonda Willis with Graduate College on Wednesdays "Let's Talk"
- Megan Brown: Graduate Career Coach
- Building culture of celebration

### **Attendance:**

Amanda Simmons, Faculty Senate rep

Amy Fathman, Nursing

Ben Feldmeyer, CECH

Brady Wright, Graduate College

Chalee Englehard, CAHS

Claudia Rebola, DAAP

Gian Rassati, CEAS

Gabrielle Golden, Graduate College

Katie Hobbing (CoM)

Megan Carroll, Graduate College

Michele Kay, CCM

Molly McDermott-Fallon, Registrar

Neelakshi Chatterjee, GSG

Omotayo Banjo, Graduate College

Robert Buckingham, A+S

Rose Marie Ward, Graduate College

Stephen Bryant, Graduate Student  
Tai Collins, Graduate College  
Sarah Matthews, Graduate College  
Emilee Suchomski, Admissions

**Absence:**

Dawn Clineman, UC Online  
Farrah Jacquez, Office of Research  
Nalinikanth Kotagiri, Pharm  
Ryan Thoreson, Law  
Sherae Daniel, LCB