

## Graduate Council Minutes

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### **Welcome**

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

**Updates:** Curriculum Coaching, Upcoming Dates, Preparing for CCGS

**Vote:**

1. MS in Clinical Data Science (COM) - Discussion (concerns at committee level about overlap) - Second Ben - 2 abstentions - Vote carries.
2. PharmD/MS Pharmacy Leadership Combined Program - Chalee Englehard second – Vote carries.

### **Discussion Items**

9 vs 12 Credit Hours – Revisiting August Conversation – Discussions ongoing – Healthcare/SHI eligibility is a plus for students

### Making Graduate Education More Accessible (lunches)

- Wednesday, November 13th 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 20th 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

### **Discussion (Challenges/Ideas): Accessibility**

#### ***Tools***

Navigating assumptions concerning learning management systems (preparedness of students/faculty) -

**Utilizing instructional designers** (resources exist within UC... how much with graduate student instructors), course orientations. Canvas can be inaccessible for visually impaired students - Accessibility vs Proactive Inclusivity. Planning is key – suggested that folks plan at least a semester in advance. Who is not here **(how do we access undergrads who think they won't come)?** - **Potential focus group with instructional designers.**

#### ***Qualifying Exams/Dissertation***

Examining what the learning outcomes are for these items. Culture of isolation and negative mental health expectations. Portfolio options – **Flexibility for students: making options available. Support events for students at these stages. Petitions for alternative formats. Adjusting dissertation/exit projects submission based on student goals.**

### Combined Programs (U+G Fastrack Pathways) Pilot Updates (lunches)

- Wednesday, October 30th 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
- Thursday, November 7th 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Discussion: “U + G Fast Track” is shorter. “Graduate Fast Track” - hesitancy with this at state level. “Fast Track” may sound like a loophole. “U & G Synergy” “Combined Pathway” “Combined degree accelerated path” “Integrated”

### **Supporting Graduate Student Parents (Surgeon General report on Parenting) --**

<https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/priorities/parents/index.html>

Tayo working in partnership to consider ideas include providing childcare, providing tutoring, extending services to students who are caregivers, travel support, etc., extended health insurance for students with families. Tayo has co-submitted a grant to cover tutoring (from UC students) to student dependents.

Discussion: Single income families for students (particularly international students – J visa example raised). Events for students with children, emergency childcare. Regulations. Connecting students to resources outside of UC. Tayo can connect student parents to the committee.

### **Supporting Graduate Student Research and Creative Works**

Discussion (Ideas/Challenges): Summer funding. Culture of celebration/outreach.

### **Updates from Graduate College Groups**

Graduate Education Innovation Collective (GEIC) - Tayo

Partnership with CCPS, Mentorship in culture/systems

Graduate Faculty Status Changes – Tayo

Including mentorship in our systems

Department Review Process – Process moving forward

International Graduate Student Association – Support upcoming events

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

- [CoLabEx](#) Symposium October 25<sup>th</sup> - Tayo
- World Kindness Week (11/11 - 11/17)
- 3MT Info Session November 7<sup>th</sup>
- PeerLead Initiative Mentor Mixer November 19<sup>th</sup> – Tayo
- State of Graduate Education Recap

### **Attendance:**

Amanda Simmons,

Amy Fathman, Faculty Senate Rep

Ben Feldmeyer, CECH

Brady Wright, Graduate College

Chalee Englehard, CAHS

Claudia Rebola, DAAP  
Dawn Clineman, UC Online  
Emilee Suchomski, Admissions  
Gabrielle Golden, Graduate College  
Gian Rassati, CEAS  
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  
Ryan Thoreson, Law  
Sherae Daniel, LCB  
Stephen Bryant, Graduate Student  
Tai Collins, Graduate College

**Absence:**

Farrah Jaquez, Office of Research  
Nalinikanth Kotagiri, Pharm  
Ted Baldwin, UC Libraries