

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 20, 2018 AC 401

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Bowler, History  
Michelle Bracken, CHHS Rep.  
Christina Bradley, Henson Rep  
Doug DeWitt, Ed Leadership and Chair  
Jillian Duryea, GSC Rep  
Kara French, Fulton Rep  
Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies  
Jennifer Jewell, MSW  
Brittany Kesteven, OGS  
Laura Marinaro, MSAT  
Karen Olmstead, Provost  
Dana Price, BIO  
Jessica Scott, OGS  
Christopher Vilmar, English, Faculty Senate Liaison  
Diana Wagner, MED

Star Weaver, MAT  
Joyce Wienczek, REED  
Dorothea Winter, DNP/Nursing

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Aaron Basko, Admissions  
Yvonne Downie Hanley, M.B.A.  
Maida Finch, Seidel School Rep  
Judith Franzak, Ed.D.  
Stuart Hamilton, GIS  
Toran Hansen, CADR  
Jacqueline Maisel, Registrar  
Tom Pellingier, AHPH

I. Call to Order 3:31pm

II. Introduction of Members

III. Minutes

The May minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) Membership

GCC members will be Dana Price (Chair), Michelle Bracken and Diana Wagner. Jackie Maisel, Christine Smith and Jessica Scott will also participate.

V. Curriculum

BIOLOGY Change to Graduate Program

- o BIO 501 Course is not rigorous enough and is being dropped.
- o BIO 508 Replacing BIO 501.
- o D. Price recommended approval and it was seconded then unanimously approved.

BIOLOGY Change to Graduate Program

- o BIO 518/519 Courses not being taken and are being dropped.
- o BIO 520 New course which includes CV/Resume writing, library resources, etc. 1 credit Not in core but required.
- o D. Price recommended approval and it was seconded then unanimously approved.

VI. TOEFL Scores/International Applicants Doug DeWitt

D. DeWitt would like to consider current ELI students. If data shows that ELI participation equals success in our programs, do applicants still need to take the TOEFL?

There were concerns among GC that the validity of ELI scores have yet to be verified as reliable.

There is hesitation about lowering standards until there is proven data that students completing our ELI program can be successful in our programs.

The Provost will reach out to Brian Stiegler about these concerns. The TOEFL should not be a barrier but we must ensure incoming students can succeed.

IV. GA Hours Diana Wagner



