

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL FOR 2023**

*May 2, 2023*

Next meeting: *Tuesday, June 6, 2:00-3:30*

**Participating Members of the Council and Retirement Dates:**

George Flowers (Dean), Maria Witte (Associate Dean), Brandi Long (Assistant to Dean), Matthew Hoch (2023), Lorenzo Cremaschi (2023), Lori Eckhardt (2023), Nedret Billor (2023), Stephen Erath (2023), Ya-Xiong Tao, (2024), Valentina Hartarska (2024), Jeff Kim (2024), Christopher Clemons (2024), Jaena Alabi (2024), Rachel Sweeney (2025), Jitka Hilliard (2025), Forrest Smith (2025), Soolim Jeong (GSC).

**APPROVED MINUTES:**

- April 4, 2023

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Discussions and announcement items*
  - A change of the provider for student health insurance from United Health Care to Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama was announced.
  - An overview of the programming for graduate students provided by the Graduate Student Council (GSC) was provided and discussed.
  - The mental health resources available for Auburn University graduate students were described and discussed.
  - Professional development programs available for graduate students were described and discussed.
  - Plans for Mentor/Mentee training were described and discussed.
- A revised graduate faculty criteria for Curriculum and Teaching was approved without opposition. The approved document is posted at [https://wp.auburn.edu/graduate\\_school/wp-content/uploads/files/faculty/gradfac\\_criteria\\_PDF\\_files/curriculum\\_and\\_teaching.pdf](https://wp.auburn.edu/graduate_school/wp-content/uploads/files/faculty/gradfac_criteria_PDF_files/curriculum_and_teaching.pdf)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Credentials committee recommendations for graduate faculty criteria, appointments and reappointments:**

- The Graduate Council approved without opposition the following appointments and reappointments:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Reviewing Class</u>	<u>Apt. Type</u>
1	Aeriel Belk	Assistant	Animal Sciences	1	Initial

		Professor			Appointment
2	Joseph Briggs	Assistant Professor	Mathematics And Statistics	2	Initial Appointment
3	Michael Brown	Assistant Professor	Mathematics And Statistics	2	Initial Appointment
4	Lynn Brown	Associate Professor	Nursing	1	Reappointment
5	LEE CHIBA	Professor	Animal Sciences	2	Reappointment
6	Dustin Cole	Assistant Professor	Supply Chain Management	2	Initial Appointment
7	Thomas Cullen	Assistant Professor	Geosciences	1	Initial Appointment
8	Welison Diniz	Assistant Professor	Animal Sciences	1	Initial Appointment
9	Carson Edge	Assistant Professor	Biosystems Engineering	1	Initial Appointment
10	COURTNEY GAMSTON	Professor Of Practice	Pharmacy Practice	0	Reappointment
11	NARENDRA GOVIL	Professor	Mathematics And Statistics	2	Reappointment
12	LORI HORNSBY	Associate Professor	Pharmacy Practice	1	Initial Appointment
13	Jeffrey Kim	Associate Professor	Building Science	1	Reappointment
14	JANE KUEHNE	Associate Professor	Curriculum And Teaching	2	Reappointment
15	Megan Lafrombois	Associate Professor	Political Science	1	Reappointment
16	Ronald Lewis	Associate Professor	Geosciences	1	Reappointment
17	JAMES LINDNER	Professor	Curriculum And Teaching	2	Reappointment
18	Missy Partyka	Assistant Professor	Fisheries And Allied Aquacultures	1	Initial Appointment
19	Kara Schall	Instructor	Communication Disorders	0	Reappointment
20	MARY SEWELL	Assistant Professor	Pharmacy Practice	0	Reappointment
21	Eugene Simpson	Professor	Agri Economics And Rural Sociology	1	Reappointment
22	Travis Smith	Assistant	Educational FLT	2	Initial

		Professor			Appointment
23	Sean Smithgall	Assistant Professor	Pharmacy Practice	0	Reappointment
24	BRIAN VANSANT	Associate Professor	Accountancy	1	Reappointment
25	Liza Weisbrod	Professor	Auburn University Libraries	1	Initial Appointment
26	Laura Willis	Professor	Communication Disorders	0	Reappointment
27	Zongliang Yue	Assistant Professor	Health Outcomes Research And Policy	1	Initial Appointment

**Curriculum Committee recommendations for program proposals and modifications:**

- The Graduate Council approved without opposition the following curricular items:

Program/Course Code	Title	College	Type of Change
ENVI 6200	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Environmental Science	COAG	New Course
FISH 7950	Graduate Research Seminar	COAG	Course Revision
PLPA 6600	Physiology of Plant Health and Disease	COAG	Course Revision
STAT 6610	Fundamentals of Statistical Inference I	COSAM	New Course
STAT 6620	Fundamentals of Statistical Inference II	COSAM	New Course
VMED 9020	Professional Communication Skills for Veterinary Medicine	VMED	New Course
BUAL-GCRT	Business Analytics	HCOB	Program Revision
MINOR BIO	Minor in Biochemistry and Cell/Molecular Biology	COSAM	Program Inactivation

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- None.

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**Schedule for next meetings: May 2.**