

Graduate Studies Council AY2023-2024
Minutes from February 9, 2024
Meeting 4 via Teams
Approved: March 8, 2024

Members attending: Dr. Gerald Lucas (Council Chairperson), Dr. James Hagler, Dr. Sumitra Himangshu-Pennybacker, Dr. Kempley Lingelbach, Dr. Monica Miller, Dr. Vicky Sandoval, Dr. Ed Steigerwald, Dr. Traci Swartz (Recorder), Dr. Valerie Mercer

Ex-officios: Dr. Loretta Clayton

Absent: Dr. Kerry Garrett, Dr. Andre Nicholson, Dr. Yaseen Alhaj-Yaseen

Agenda

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 9:01 am by Council Chairperson, Dr. Gerald Lucas.

2. Approval of the Agenda
Dr. Lucas requested a motion for accepting the agenda for this date, February 9, 2024. Motion charged by Dr. Monica Miller and seconded by Dr. James Hagler. Motion carried, All.

3. Approval of the Minutes from meeting conducted through email on November 10, 2023
Dr. Lucas requested votes to accept the minutes from November 10, 2023. Motion charged by Dr. Ed Steigerwald and seconded by Dr. James Hagler. Motion carried, All.

4. Dr. Loretta Clayton
 - a. Graduate Studies Policies and Curricula
No graduate policies or curricula to review currently.
 - b. Address
The primary focus of new strategic plan is on undergraduate on campus/face-to-face education.
There is a hold in general on adding new graduate degrees.
 - o The Graduate Studies Council reviewed the Clinical Nurse Leader degree proposal last year.
 - o The Clinical Nurse Leader degree will not be moving forward at this time.
 - o The Master of Arts in Teaching degree with a focus on literacy, which was also reviewed by the Graduate Studies Council last year, should be moving forward.
 - c. Enrollment
There are a total of 629 graduate students as of February 9, 2024 (up over 35%).
Enrollment numbers have been enhanced by increased cohort size of some programs.
The MAT program has almost double the number of students from last year.
The only goal for graduate studies was to achieve an 8% increase in total enrollment and this has been exceeded.
Retention is very high within graduate studies.

- The program is mostly online, and MGA MAT faculty also meet with students weekly In Atlanta.
 - This is an opportunity to meet the needs of Georgia and the district, but progression may be different from other programs.
- g. Recruitment
 - OGS continues to recruit will be doing some popups in February.
 - Some programs conducting online information sessions.