



Graduate Council Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 9, 2023

2:00 - 3:30 pm

Zoom

I. Call to Order

Dr. Linda Thomas, Dean, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Approval of the Graduate Council Minutes from January 19, 2023*

A motion was made by Dr. Will Dabback to approve the Graduate Council Minutes from January 19, 2023, as dispensed. Dr. Andrea Knopp seconded the motion. The January 19, 2023, Graduate Council minutes were approved.

III. Unfinished Business Items

None.

IV. Business Items

A. Dean's Report

Going full speed ahead with resident agonistic assistantships, students must receive a minimum of a master's or doctoral stipend. April Board of Visitors

Rebecca Lipscomb will be joining The Graduate School and begin her new financial services manager role on March 28.

The Dean opened the floor for questions and comments:

- A suggestion was made to possibly hold a Teaching Assistant Boot Camp or to possibly poll programs about what resources they use in training Teaching Assistants.
- A suggestion was made to explore options for providing more family friendly services and support at the Graduate level.

B. Graduate Student Association Report

There are several students who have not provided certain pieces of information for reimbursement from the first round of professional development grants.

Information will soon go out about the spring professional development grants.

The Graduate Student Association will hold a general body meeting on March 24, at 12:30 p.m.



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The Graduate Student Association is planning a joint event with the Career Center to be held on March 24. More details will be coming about the event.

C. Faculty Fellow Report

Dr. Deborwah Faulk, the DEI Faculty Fellow for The Graduate School, gave the following report:

The TGS Graduate School 101 professional development workshop series continues for the Spring semester. The following sessions are tentatively planned. In order to accommodate online-only programs, 2 sessions will be offered via Zoom this term.:

1. From Student to Instructor 4 PM – 5 PM (in-person)
2. Utilizing Library Services 5 PM – 6 PM (on-line)
3. Managing Stress and Protecting Your Mental Health 4 PM – 5 PM
https://jmu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2a9peYouocYoXI (in-person)
4. Navigating the Mentor/Mentee Relationship 5 PM – 6 PM (on-line)
https://jmu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3DWkdVtLoP1Iox8
5. Building the Career You Want, Today 4 PM – 6 PM (in-person)
https://jmu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_77e8tGMZFqWmF4G

The Advancing Intelligent Minds (AIM) Development Grants application cycle has officially closed. We hope to select awardees by the end of the month. The purpose of the AIM Grant is to provide funding to assist graduate students in gaining practical experiences or conduct scholarship related to their field of study. The AIM Development Grant are for underrepresented and minority graduate students.

The Graduate School is hosting an Inclusive Excellence + Diversity Speaker Series during the first week of May. We have invited Dr. Candace Hall, from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville to join us to discuss diversity recruitment and retention. After several successful cluster hires on campus including the ongoing Student Affairs cluster hire, we find it important to have a campus discussion on how to retain faculty and staff at JMU.

The Graduate School is participating in the National Name Exchange for the third year. This initiative is a collaboration between the Inclusive Excellence team and The Graduate School Marketing and Graduate Recruitment teams. Our participation in the program enables us access the contact information of students from underrepresented backgrounds at participating schools.

The Graduate School is hosting/will host TRIO undergraduate students from Old Dominion University and Eastern Tennessee University. TRIO programs focus on students from underrepresented backgrounds. Notable TRIO programs include the McNair program and Upward



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Bound among others. TRIO alum receives application waivers for application to James Madison University. Cheryl Doss is organizing these efforts.

For questions, please reach out to Dr. Deborwah Faulk directly via email: faulkdx@jmu.edu

V. New Business

A. One-Year Wait and Repeat Forgive Policies

Information on the One-Year Wait and Repeat Forgive Policies was dispensed prior to the meeting for members to review and were explained during the meeting. Discussion ensued.

This was the first reading of the One-Year Wait and Repeat Forgive Policies. Members were encouraged to take the policies back to their departments to hold discussions. Please direct questions to Laura Ryman. The One-year Wait and Repeat Forgive Policies will be revisited at the next Graduate Council meeting.

B. Admission to Multiple Programs Policy

Information on the Admission to Multiple Programs Policy was dispensed prior to the meeting for members to review and were explained during the meeting. Discussion ensued

This policy allows a student to concurrently enroll in no more than two graduate degree programs with the knowledge and consent of the directors of both programs. They may also enroll in multiple concentrations of a graduate degree program, or a degree program and one or more certificates.

This was the first reading of the Admission to Multiple Programs Policy. Members were encouraged to take the policies back to their departments to hold discussions. Please direct questions to Dr. Michael Stoloff. The Admission to Multiple Programs Policy will be revisited at the next Graduate Council meeting.

The GC will have a second reading with corrections made before voting.

VI. Announcements

A. The deadline to nominate students for TGS Awards is Monday, March 20. Nomination criteria and instructions can be found at: <https://www.jmu.edu/grad/student-awards/nominations.shtml>

B. The deadline for submissions to present at the Showcase of Graduate Student Scholarship and Creative Activities is March 20 also. Please encourage your students to submit a proposal to present.



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C. Adjournment

With no further business, Dr. Stephanie Wasta motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Jen Almjeld seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to end the Graduate Council Meeting at 2:52 p.m.



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Graduate Council Voting Members			
Last Name	First Name	Academic Unit	Joined Zoom Meeting
Almjeld	Jennifer	Writing, Rhetoric, & Technical Communication (WRTC)	Yes
Coates	Tabitha	Learning, Technology, & Leadership Education	Yes
Dabback	William	Music	Yes
Danzell	Orlandrew	School of Integrated Sciences	
Diop	Corinne	College of Visual and Performing Arts	Yes
Dillard	David	History	
Dorne	Rachelle	Health Professions	
Dyche	Jeff	Psychology	
Gabbin	Alexander	Accounting	
Hardwick	Kevin	History	
Hefner	Brooks	English	
Heydari	Hossain	Computer Science	
Hickerson	Corey	Communication & Advocacy	Yes
Imbrescia	Eric	Early, Elementary & Reading Education	
Knopp	Andrea	Nursing	Yes
Luden	Nick	Kinesiology	Yes
Piker	Erin	Communication Sciences & Disorders (CSD)	Yes
Rutherford	Matthew	Business Administration	
Sloan	Lochnivar	Graduate Student Association	



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Sloan	Margaret	School of Strategic Leadership	
Staton	Renee	Department of Graduate Psychology	Yes
Stevens	Alexis	Mathematics	Yes
Sloan	Margaret	School of Leadership	Yes
Taylor	Jennifer	Political Science	
Wallace-Carr	Julie	Sport & Rec Leadership	Yes
Wasta	Stephanie	Educational Foundations & Exceptionalities	Yes
Webb	Angela	Middle, Secondary and Mathematics Education	Yes
Wunderlich	Roshna	Biology	Yes

Graduate Council Non-Voting Members			
Last Name	First Name	Title	Joined Zoom Meeting
Thomas	Linda	Dean	Yes
Stoloff	Michael	Associate Dean, Admissions and Recruitment	Yes
Ryman	Laura	Interim Assistant Dean and Director of Graduate Student Services	Yes

Guests			
Last Name	First Name	Academic Unit	Joined Zoom Meeting
Anderson	Robin	Graduate Psychology	Yes
Apple	Kevin	Associate Dean, College of Sciences & Mathematics	
Bell	Pamela	Dean's Office, The Graduate School	
Brown	Kathryn	Degree Audit Specialist	



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Cooper	Brian	Graduate Student Association Representative	Yes
Doss	Cheryl	Dean's Office, The Graduate School	Yes
Faulk	Deborwah	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Faculty Fellow, The Graduate School	Yes
Hajdasz	Lisa	Dean's Office, The Graduate School	Yes
Hawley	Allyssa	University Career Center Advisor	
Hegg	Kevin	Libraries	
Kratz	Jonathan	Center for Global Engagement, Director of International Student Services	
MacDonald	Sarah	PCE	
Malburne-Wade	Meredith	Honors College	
Maxwell	Paula	Faculty and Curriculum	Yes
Michael	Lynette	Dean's Office, The Graduate School Director of Admissions	Yes
Miller	Yvonne	Dean's Office, The Graduate School	Yes
O'Neil	Cooper	Dean's Office, The Graduate School	
Rose	Liz	Dean's Office, The Graduate School	
Stax Brown	Carol	CGE	Yes
Stewart	Anne	Graduate Psychology	Yes
White	Sian	Associate Dean, College of Arts and Letters	
Wightman	William	Art Education	