

Graduate Council  
February 15, 2024  
Dean B. Ellis Library  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Rm. 603 Room 3:00 PM  
(Zoom option available)

**Voting Members Present:**

Steven Green  
Annette Hux  
Amanda Wheeler Gryffin  
Zahid Hossain  
Justin Castro  
Ed Salo (Proxy for Lauri Umansky)  
Joseph Richmond  
Mohammad Alam  
Brook Fluker

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Cherisse Jones-Branch  
Will Mclean

**Non-Members Present:**

Mary Elizabeth Spence  
Linda Latting  
Jeff Hatcher  
Manu Bhandari  
Jim Farris

**Members Absent:**

Melodie Philhours  
Fnu Jagriti  
Brandon Turnbull  
Amanda Mohler  
Tracy Finch

**Meeting Called to Order: 3:01PM**

**1. Introduction to Graduate Council – Amanda Wheeler Gryffin**

**2. Member Items**

- a. Report of the Graduate School: Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch
  - 1. Writing Center available for assistance
  - 2. Graduate Council Activities
  - 3. Development of GA Termination Policy

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**3. Approval of December 8, 2023 Minutes**

Motion to approve: Annette Hux

Second: Brook Fluker

Unanimous Approval

**4. Old Business**

**a. Graduate Student Leave of Absence Policy**

Policy presented for discussion. Recommendations are as follows:

Annette Hux proposed the policy may need to include provisions for returning to a program after leave to include correspondence with advisor.

Brook Fluker proposed an addition to the policy that addresses provisions for students with graduate assistantships

**5. Curricular (viewable with Curriculog)**

**a. Subcommittee 1**

**Motion to approve all subcommittee 1 proposals: Joseph Richmond**

**Second: Annette Hux**

**Unanimous Approval**

- i. GIS – 501V Special Topics Graduate Seminar
- ii. GIS – 5503 Agricultural Decision Tools and Analysis
- iii. GIS – 5511 Unmanned Aircraft
- iv. GIS – 5543 Understanding Geographic Information Systems
- v. GIS – 5773 Remote Sensing
- vi. GIS – 6543 Environmental Raster Data and Models
- vii. GIS – 6843 Applied Geospatial Research
- viii. PSSC – 5713 Soil Health Assessment and Interpretation

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b. Subcommittee 2

**Motion to approve all subcommittee 2 proposals: Annette Hux**

**Second: Brook Fluker**

**Unanimous Approval**

- i. Communication Studies, MA
- ii. Strategic Communication, Emphasis in Global Strategic Communication, MS
- iii. Strategic Communication, Emphasis in Information Technology Law and Policy, MS
- iv. Strategic Communication, Emphasis in Social Media Management
- v. Strategic Communication, **MS (Considered independently: Motion to approve: Joseph Richmond Secon: Annette Hux – Unanimous Approval)**
- vi. NURS – 8223 Translational Research II
- vii. NURS – 8313 DNP Internship I
- viii. NURS – 881V DNP Internship IV
- ix. Nursing, Nurse Educator Option, MSN
- x. Physical Therapy, DPT

c. Subcommittee 3

**Motion to approve all subcommittee 3 proposals: Joseph Richmond**

**Second: Annette Hux**

**Unanimous Approval**

- i. COUN – 6453 Telehealth for Mental Health Practice
- ii. PSY – 6583 Individual Intelligence Testing
- iii. PSY – 7613 Practicum in School Psychology
- iv. Teaching, Art Education Initial Licensure, MAT
- v. Teaching, Business Technology Initial Licensure, MAT
- vi. Teaching, Elementary Level Initial Licensure, MAT

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vii. Teaching, Middle Level Initial Licensure, MAT

## 6. Non-Curricular Items

a. Graduate Faculty Status Applications

i. Affiliate

**Motion to approve all Affiliate GFS Applications: Steven Green**

**Second: Brook Fluker**

**Seven to approve – 1 extension: Justin Castro**

1. Brook Meiller
2. Justin Kaspar
3. Kim Level
4. Kristen Braswell
5. Laura Strickland
6. Phillip Davidson

ii. Professional

**Motion to approve all Professional GFS Applications: Annette Hux**

**Second: Mohammed Alam**

**Seven to approve – 1 extension: Justin Castro**

1. Antiqua Smart
2. Cindy Crum
3. Elna Van-Heerden
4. Kelley Sky-Eagle **Moved to Regular Status**
5. Lonnie Williams
6. Lori Winn
7. Paige Wimberley

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iii. Regular

**Motion to approve all Professional GFS Applications: Annette Hux**

**Second: Mohammed Alam**

**Seven to approve – 1 extension: Justin Castro**

1. Helen McBride
2. Joan Henley
3. Joseph Nichols
4. Marika Kyriakos
5. Sarah Webb **Moved to Professional Status**

7. **Meeting adjourned: 4:04PM**

**Standard Subcommittee Memberships**

Subcommittee 1	Subcommittee 2	Subcommittee 3
Justin Castro	Steve Green	Amanda Mohler
Lauri Umansky	Zahid Hossain	Joseph Richmond
Melodie Philhours	Amanda Wheeler Gryffin	Mohammad Alam
Fnu Jagriti	Annette Hux	Brook Fluker
	Brandon Turnbull	
Can review: AGRI, ECS, EBS, NHP, SM	Can review: BU, LAC, NHP, SM	Can review: AGRI, ECS, BU, EBS, LAC

To access graduate faculty status applications:

<http://www.astate.edu/a/shared-governance/shared-governance-committees/undergraduate-curriculum-council/graduate-council/noncurricular>

Password: **Grad\_Faculty**

To access curricular proposals

<https://www.astate.edu/a/shared-governance/shared-governance-committees/undergraduate-curriculum-council/graduate-council/current-documents.dot>

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