



University of South Carolina Upstate

Graduate Committee

Final Report 2020-2021

Members: 23 Deshia Breau (Interim Chair) (IES), 23 Jeffery Edwards (PSY), 23 Uma Gupta (JCBE-MEM), 21 Toshua Kennedy (SON), 23 Elham Sohrabi (MCS), and 21 Refika Turgut (SOE)

Ex officio:

Derham Cole, Interim Chancellor

Dr. David Schechter, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Pamela Steinke, Vice Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Meetings: The Graduate Committee met nine times.

The Graduate Committee reviewed and approved:

One new course

Eight course modifications

Approved changes to the graduate appeals policy

Post Master's Graduate Certificate: Clinical Nurse Leader

Post Master's Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

Post Master's Graduate Certificate in Nursing Leadership

Actions:

- Reviewed the definition and scope of the Graduate Committee.
 - Upon review decided the definition should remain as-is.
- Reviewed the current Academic Affairs policies 5.01 and 5.02.
 - Revisions were discussed with The Office of Academic Affairs. The office is working on revisions.
- Provost Schechter attended a meeting and discussed his vision for the Graduate programs. He foresees the formation of a Graduate School in the future. The programs themselves would possibly remain housed in their respective Colleges.
- Provost Schechter is in support of and welcomes proposals for Graduate Assistantships.
- Discussed possibilities for international partnerships and international student recruitment.

- Ms. Donnette Stewart brainstormed with the committee regarding graduate fairs. She is planning at least two graduate fairs for spring semesters, one for current students and a second for other prospective students.
- Met with University Marketing and Communications to discuss a cohesive strategic and systematic marketing plan for all graduate programs.
- Faculty Chair Dr. Lisa Johnson and Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee attended a meeting to discuss a more efficient system for proposal routing. Dr. Steinke and Ms. Stewart are working with the Columbia campus to acquire a CourseLeaf module to assist with electronic proposal routing.
- Faculty Chair Dr. Johnson discussed the possibility of adding due dates to the official calendar for proposal submission to the Graduate Committee, similar to the due dates for the Academic Affairs Committee.
- Guest attendees:
 - Faculty Chair Dr. Lisa Johnson, Chair of The Academic Affairs Committee Dr. Holly Pae, Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategic Communications and Marketing Ms. Jessica Blais, Director of Integrated Communications Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, and Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services Ms. Donette Stewart
- Vice Provost Dr. Steinke attended all meetings. She provided tremendous support to the committee. Her presence allowed the committee to have an open dialogue with Academic Affairs.