



University of South Carolina Upstate

Graduate Committee 2021 – 2022

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Ex-Officio: Dr. Bennie Harris (Chancellor), and Dr. Pam Steinke (Interim Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs)

Meeting schedule

The committee met virtually nine times: 9/3/21, 10/1/21, 11/5/21, 11/10/21, 12/10/22, 1/7/22, 2/4/22, 3/3/22, 3/31/22

Proposals reviewed:

- Academic Affairs policies 5.01 Graduate Faculty Selection and Evaluation and 5.02 Graduate Faculty Workload
- Three modifications to the M.Ed. Sp. Ed.: Visual Impairment program
- Modifications to the MS Informatics program for IES to submit Fall 2022
- New program Doctor of Nursing Practice including six new course proposals
- Modifications for the School of Education, Human Performance, and Health
- JCBE catalog modifications

Plan of action and outcomes

- Discuss and update the Academic Affairs policies 5.01 Graduate Faculty Selection and Evaluation in partnership with The Office of Academic Affairs
 - The Provost's office revised the policy and discussed the changes with the committee.
- Explore the development of a cohesive strategic and systematic marketing plan for all graduate programs in partnership with The Office of Enrollment Services and University Marketing and Communications
 - The committee discussed ways for their units to update their marketing materials.
- The committee decided to wait until the new Associate Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Strategic Communications Partner with Enrollment Services on strategies to increase graduate enrollment
 - Opportunities to recruit international students
 - Offer cohort opportunities to the business community
- Review current graduate fees and explore the process for making changes to graduate student fees
 - It is currently not possible. We discussed possibilities for in-state tuition for online programs.

Future discussions for consideration:

- Contribute and shape the institutional and unit discussions on the strategic direction and significance of graduate programs to the future of USC Upstate
- Work closely with all relevant stakeholders to develop a strong and sustainable graduate enrollment marketing plan for regional, national, and international recruitment.
- Work closely with the Director of the Greenville campus to develop a consistent and strategic plan for graduate programs
- Research the structure and best practices of graduate schools and programs within the USC system.
- Become a member of the Council of Graduate Schools in order to leverage their resources and build a national presence
- Present a resource plan to the Office of the Provost essential to lay a strong foundation for a future Office of Graduate Studies.
- Present a budget to the Provost for Graduate Assistantships, including establishing clear policies and procedures.
- Engage with faculty who teach in graduate programs to better understand their needs and concerns.
- Assist the Office of the Provost and the Chancellor with any queries or research needs related to graduate programs.
- The Graduate Committee requests the Academic Affairs Committee update the guidelines and expectations for proposals. For example, if it is a yes/no question does it require an explanation.