

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes  
12:00 pm, Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
250 Toomey Hall

Meeting called to order at 12:03pm

1) Roll Call by D. Oerther

- Present: R. Verble, A. Adekpedjou, S. Stanley, M. Moats, X. Liang, C. Mendoza, C. Kim, G. Markowsky, R. Puslenghea, S. Corns, K. Perry, K. Grote, C. Kueny, C. Chua, X. Yang, D. Fischer, E. Malone, M. Insall, D. Oerther, V.P. Reddy, S., C. Tsatsoulis (Vice Chancellor of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies), S. Raper (Curricula Committee Chair)

2) S. Corns moved to approve November 6, 2019 minutes; D. Oerther seconded. Approved.

3) President's Report

a) Graduate Faculty to seek approval from Faculty Senate when proposing changes to the Graduate Catalog – Informational

b) Update on ad-hoc committees – New members need to be appointed where needed; encouraged to meet

4) Grad Track Pathways – Invited presentation by C. Tsatsoulis

- After some Q/A, D. Oerther moved to approve; C. Kueny seconded. Approved.

5) Graduate Catalog Changes

- Timeline for qualifying exam – see attached language
- S. Corns moved to approve with friendly amendment to change to “The qualifying examination must be passed no later than the end of the fifth semester of enrollment in a doctoral program.” A. Adekpedjou seconded. Approved.

6) Changes to Policy Memo II-20 – Invited presentation by C. Tsatsoulis (Informational)

- For students who are ABD (passed comprehensive exam), must be enrolled for one credit hour, continuously, for Autumn, Spring, and Summer semesters (as long as actively pursuing degree – such as GRA payment)

7) New Business

- C. Tsatsoulis proposed for the president to request an emergency meeting of the Graduate Faculty to vote on the Grad Track Pathways program.
- D. Oerther moved for the president to make this request; S. Corns seconded. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm

## **Qualifying Examination**

A qualifying examination will be administered by the student's academic department and the results must be reported on the Form 4 by the department chair to the dean of graduate studies. The results of this examination will allow the student's advisory committee to assess the student's level of preparation for the doctoral degree and will assist the committee in helping to plan the student's plan of study (Form 5). The qualifying examination must be passed no later than the fifth semester of enrollment in a doctoral program. Students who fail to comply with the deadline to submit the Form 4 will have a registration hold placed on their account by the office of graduate studies. A student who fails the examination twice will no longer be eligible to receive a graduate degree from that program. However, the student is eligible to pursue a graduate degree from any other graduate degree program willing to accept them.