

**Graduate Council  
Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, April 4, 2024  
2:00 -3:30 PM**

**Zoom**

I. Call to Order

A regular Graduate Council Executive Committee meeting was held on Thursday, April 4, 2024. It began at 2:00 p.m. and was presided over by Dr. Linda Thomas, with Yvonne Miller as secretary.

II. Attendees

Members in attendance included:

Linda Thomas	The Graduate School
Michael Stoloff	The Graduate School
Laura Ryman	The Graduate School
Bill Wightman	College of Visual and Performing Arts
Roshna Wunderlich	College of Science and Mathematics
Bernice Marcopulos	College of Health and Behavioral Studies
Matthew Rutherford	College of Business
Hossain Heydari	College of Integrated Science and Engineering
Angela Webb	College of Education

Members not present included:

Corey Hickerson	College of Arts and Letters
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III. Approval of Minutes

The Graduate Council Executive Committee Minutes from March 7, 2024, were approved with no changes.

IV. Business Items

A. Repeat Forgiveness Policy

This policy assists graduate students who may be very capable of achieving good grades but have experienced extenuating circumstances, such as acclimating to a new culture, dealing with family sickness, or the death of a loved one.

Members were asked to review the draft copy posted in Teams before the meeting. Dr. Stoloff proposed a significant revision that now appears on the document, along with the version that appeared during the last meeting. The rules did not change. Dr. Stoloff wanted to make the newer version clearer.

Discussion ensued.

The Graduate Council Executive Committee will continue their work on this policy.

#### B. Graduate Showcase

The Showcase of Graduate Student Scholarship and Creative Activities will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in the Hall of Presidents.

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Oral Presentations

2:00 - 3:30 pm Poster Presentations

5:30 – 8:00 pm Recognition Reception

This annual event allows graduate students to present their research and scholarship in a ‘mini’ conference setting through oral presentations, poster presentations, and performances. It’s a time to celebrate students' work from a variety of our graduate programs.

#### V. New Business

A. Dr. Thomas solicited agenda items for the April 11 Graduate Council Meeting, but none were mentioned. The Graduate Council meeting on April 11 will be canceled.

B. Members were asked their thoughts on a possible retreat focused on graduate education, faculty, or policies. Suggestions included:

- It would benefit graduate program directors to hold such a retreat.
- In favor of holding during the year.

#### VI. Announcements

None.

#### VII. Adjournment

With no further business, Dr. Wightman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was properly seconded by Dr. Marcopulos. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

