

Graduate Council Meeting December 9, 2020 - 1-3pm

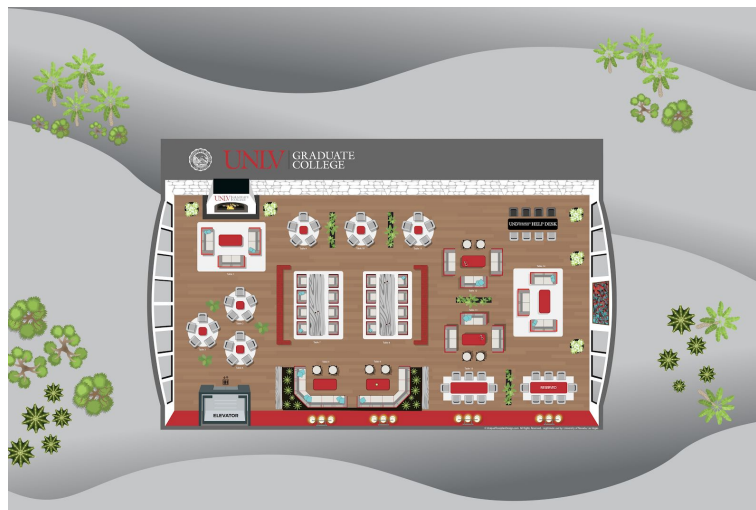
Minutes

Attendees: Alicia Rico, Helen Wing, Alona Angosta, Alyssa Crittenden, Anne Stevens, Anthony Gatling, Bill Bernatis, Brian Chrzan, Christian Jensen, Daniel Chi, Daniel Young, Dong Chan Lee, Doris Watson, Doug Unger, Ben Burroughs, Ganqing Jiang, Glenn Nowak, Greg Moody, Han-fen Hu, Harsha Pererra, Henry Selvaraj, Hui Zhao, Ian McDonough, James Navalta, Janet Dufek, Jennifer Rennels, Jichun Li, Joel Snyder, Tony Henthorne, Jayce Farmer, Jennifer Pharr, Anjala Krishen, Dan Allen, Keala Kiko, Kim Barchard, Kim Charron, Laura Kruskall, Laxmi Gewali, Lisa Davis, Marcia Ditmeyer, Michael Borer, Micah Stohlmann, Matt Varre, Mary-ann Martini-Overcamp, Maria Roberts, Michael Nicholl, Nikkole Liesse, Sean Clark, Peter Gray, Pramen Shrestha, Rebecca Benfield, Rhonda McElroy, Sam Song (proxy for Jared Lau), Sara Jordan, Steen Madsen, Tamara Herold, Victor Kwong, Vicki Rosser, Bill Bauer, Kara Wada, Kate Korgan, Emily Lin, Leslie Hunter

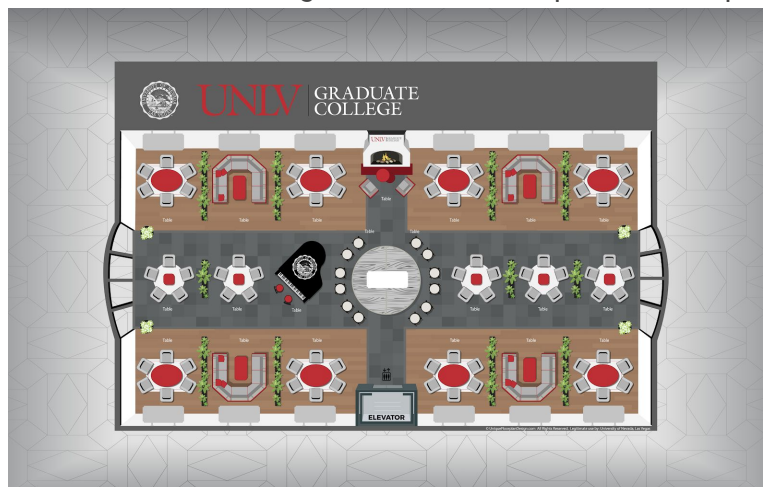
- Welcome
 - Graduate Council Chair - Dr. Alyssa Crittenden
 - Grad Coordinators leaving Council: Drs. Richard Miller, Jennifer Pharr, Micah Stohlmann, Josh Vermillion, & Paul Clements.; Thank you for your service!
 - Congrats to Dr. Dufek for appointment as Vice-Provost of Faculty Affairs and thanks for Dr. Sara Jordan for serving as co-chair of GAWC-1
- Committee [Composition](#) (Reminder to Chairs: Submit minutes to Leslie Hunter & Emily)
 - [Course Review Committee](#) - Dr. James Navalta, Chair
 - Graduate Course cross-listings: GCRC [information](#)
 - 13 course creations, 8 changes and deletions
 - One last meeting for 2020 today after this meeting
 - [Programs Committee](#) - Dr. Greg Moody, Chair
 - 3 new programs
 - Last meeting for 2020 was 12/1
 - [Program Review Committee](#) - Dr. Kelly Mays, Chair
 - No updates
 - [Awards Committees 1 & 2](#) - Drs. Janet Dufek & Sara Jordan, Co-Chairs (1) & Dr. Steen Madsen, Chair (2)
 - Sara Jordan taking over for Janet Dufek on GAWC -1 (as Dr. Dufek transitions to her new role as Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs)
 - Meeting 12/10 to discuss reviewing process for scholarship and fellowship awards (over 600 award applications)
 - Meeting 12/8 to discuss Graduate Faculty Mentorship, Leadership, Grad Student Teaching, and Thesis and Dissertation awards (rubrics, etc.)
 - [Appeals & Legal Issues Committee](#) - Sean Clark, Chair
 - No updates

- Top Tier Leadership & Professional Development Academy Advisory Board - Dr. Valarie Burke & Dr. Sara Jordan, Co-Chairs
 - Evaluating current programming
 - Delivering online trainings
 - Preparing for spring workshops
- Top Tier Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Board - Dr. Barbara St. Pierre Schneider & Dr. Valarie Burke, Co-Chairs
 - Evaluating current programming
 - Info-gathering, surveys for post-doc website updates
- Top Tier GEM Working Group - Dr. Emily Lin & Kara Wada, Co-Chairs
- Top Tier Graduate Faculty & Student Success Working Group - Dr. Peter Gray, Chair
 - Working on Research Ethics handbook
- Top Tier Innovative Graduate Programs Working Group - Dr. Kate Korgan & Dr. Emily Lin, Co-Chairs
 - Working on proposals for suite of offerings for a customized graduate school experience that is more interdisciplinary and in line with student career goals
 - Build your own dual degrees
 - Stackable certificates or micromasters, micro-credentials
 - Exploring different options for grad students
- Top Tier Graduate Pivot Planning Working Group - Dr. Doug Unger, Chair
 - Hearing about exam proctoring issues and in-person/human lab issues pertaining to pandemic restrictions
- Graduate College Advisory Boards
 - Graduate College DEIJ Advisory Board
 - BGSA & LXGSA: space, scholarships, co-sponsorships, promotion
 - GTW murals
 - Action, not statement: student video; action meetings; holistic admissions; pipeline issues
 - Recruitment: BGSA, McNair, Online Recruitment events
 - Graduate Student Advisory Board
 - Philanthropic: Dean's Leadership Council; Financial Wellness Advisory Board; Entrepreneurship and Leadership Advisory Board; Alumni Ambassadors
 - Suggested Entrepreneurship Advisory Board work with LBS Entrepreneurship Center and Yong Li as a good resource
- Faculty Senate Updates - Dr. Vicki Rosser, Chair
 - Justice Impacted Students Website: <https://www.unlv.edu/sdsj/justiceimpacted>
 - PPT to be sent to Grad Coordinator list
 - DEI Report sent out to grad coordinators
- GPSA Updates - Matt Varre, Vice President
 - Supporting graduate students with emergency funding
 - Pushing for health insurance discussion - AHP meeting on Dec. 16th

- COVID-19 Updates: See [GC COVID webpage](#): Kate
 - [GC COVID Decision Tracking & Actions spreadsheet](#) & GC COVID [webpage](#)
 - Winter, Spring & summer plans
 - Winter break closure of GTW until Jan. 11
 - S/U Grading
 - Up to 6 credits per semester spring, summer, fall of 2020 + spring 2021
 - COVID S/U policy = B- or better is an S, C+ or lower is a U
 - General S/U policy = up to 3 credits of Master's and up to 6 credits of doctoral coursework may be included in the degree program with B = S and B- and below = U (this excludes culminating experience credits)
 - Commencement for Spring & Summer/Fall
 - [Doctoral commencement](#) plans
 - REMO Demo @ Council
 1. Desert Lodge: GC Lobby



2. Desert Lodge: Innovation & Inspiration Reception Halls



- REMO for workshops, bootcamps, events, and meetings in 2021

- Update on international student issues: struck down attempt to curtail or eliminate OPT; DACA; struck down Trump admin changes to F1-B visas
- GC budget updates
 - Fee position: ED Leadership & Professional Development Academy “The Grad Academy”
 - Fee position: Instructional technologist & content developer
 - Doctoral commencement costs
- Graduate College Initiatives & Updates: Kate
 - Graduate Student Life & Climate Survey due Dec. 11, 2020
 - [GA Proposal](#)
 - Housing, insurance, 12 month appointments, increased stipend
 - [Early Alert](#) to support graduate student mental well-being; CGS Statement of Principles on Graduate Student Mental Health & Well-Being
 - Proposed working group in '21 - '22
 - Texts students and depending on response triggers referrals to resources, etc.
 - Clients can decide what to ask and how often, and what path to take with responses
 - Council asks to make sure company is reputable and to be aware of their data collection and privacy commitments
 - Council feels a good resource, but significant outreach needed to get students to engage with the app
 - Communications updates
 - At the virtual printer: Five Graduate [Faculty](#), Student, [GA](#), [Postdoc](#), [IDGP](#) Handbooks
 1. Separate from Faculty Affairs handbook
 - January: Text messaging
 - January: Strategic Plan documents & website
 - February: Graduate Viewbook
 1. Graduate Viewbook will be a high energy, visually engaging virtual document (and print version will be available) that features graduate students and highlights the graduate community and our approach to supporting graduate students at UNLV. It's designed as a supplemental recruitment tool.
- GC Academic Affairs: Emily
 - Mandatory Individual Development Plan (IDP) [Formerly known as the Student Annual Review Review form] [Feedback Template Routing](#)
Anticipated distribution dates: Dec. 14, 2020 to Feb. 15, 2021
 - Annual updates of Catalog Unit faculty lists/descriptions, Program handbooks, GFS department lists--Due April 1st, 2021
 - Reminders:
 - Grad Coordinator [Agreement](#): Due Nov. 1st, 2020.
 - Graduate Handbook updates:

1. Programs - Degree Directory:
<https://www.unlv.edu/academics/degrees>
 2. Faculty forthcoming
 3. Postdoc forthcoming
 4. IDGP forthcoming
 5. Student Handbook
<https://catalog.unlv.edu/index.php?catoid=31>
 6. GA Handbook being updated
- Graduate College Student Services: Valarie
 - Rebel Grad Slam 2020! - Thank you!
 - [Planning workshops for Spring 2021](#) - who wants to facilitate one? Be a panelist?
 - Council of Graduate Schools Annual Conference
 - Writing Bootcamp - breaking records!
 - GEM updates & R2PC data: Kara
 - Graduate programs that require an advisory committee can opt-in to using the Graduate Faculty Advisor form to allow students to appoint a faculty advisor prior to appointing their full Graduate Advisory Committee
 - We need to know: when do you want us to allow students to submit their Plan of Study form? There are two options:
 1. Once the faculty advisor is appointed ← Council vote
 2. Only after the full graduate advisory committee is appointed
 - Please note that students may submit their Plan of Study form again if there are changes that need to be made after their initial form has already been approved.
 - Provide feedback here: <https://forms.gle/6DGM7zr7sRqWNZou7>
 - New Business

PART II - Go to REMO: <https://live.remco.co/e/graduate-council-meeting>

Grad Coordinator Round Tables on:

Holistic admissions and diversity

Inclusion, equity, and justice

International student recruitment and support

Supporting graduate student mental health

- Discussion questions:
 - Any best practices to share?
 - Any ideas or suggestions for advancing this topic/issue?
 - What information, data, or training is needed in this area?
 - Do you have any other thoughts to share?
- Groups should use this [feedback form](#), please.
- Results will be shared out to the Council and we'll address these topics in the spring semester.