

# UMGSB GRADUATE COUNCIL

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Meeting Hosted by  
UMBC

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## MINUTES

In Attendance: Janet Rutledge, Kenneth Wong, Jeffrey Halverson, Jessica Burstrem, Jamila Savage, Eun-Shim Nahm, Wendy Camelo Castillo, Niya Werts, Adam Bargteil, Andy Miller, Bethany Lee, Lucy Wilson, Michelle Starz-Gaiano, Abraham Schneider, Bill Jackson, Dylan Lucke, Sebastian Deffner, Helena Mentis, Erin Golembewski, Aman Shrestha, Craig Saper, Tanya Saunders, Katherin Schlegel, Jennifer Maher, Patrick Wintrose

1. **Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on April 4, 2024:** minutes were approved as written.
2. **Announcements/plans/issues UMB:**
  - Erin Golembewski:
    - The Rise Up Team had a NSF a virtual site visit on May 2, 2024. This was a part of an initiative to diversify and attract faculty to the STEM field.
    - UMB will host the master's and certificate ceremony on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, while the PhD ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 16, 2024.
    - The GRC occurred on Friday, April 12, 2024. There were 200 attendees and 99 presenters.
  - Kenneth Wong:
    - UMB's Presidential Address occurred on May 1, 2024. There was a focus on the potential for AI applications across UMB's domain and discussions on how UMB can continue to improve itself as an anchor institute for West Baltimore.
3. **Announcements/plans/issues UMBC:**
  - Janet Rutledge:
    - The virtual site visit mentioned by Dr. Golembewski is a \$10 million INCLUDES grant that extends on a Maryland exclusive grant for the postdoc to tenure track conversions. Involved is The National Association of System Heads and the National Post Doc Association.
    - UMBC's Graduate Commencement will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024. A record amount of students (733) plan to attend.
    - A new Provost is starting on Monday, July 1, 2024. Other changes in leadership have been occurring alongside discussions about the Title IX Case at UMBC.
    - UMBC is monitoring for any potential Israel-Gaza encampment protests.
  - Jeffery Halverson
    - Friday, May 5, 2024 the UMBC Graduate School is hosting the 2nd MORE (Mentoring Other's Results in Excellence) workshop.
4. **GSA Reports**
  - UMB  
Aman Shrestha:
    - New GSA committee has been elected for 2024. The transition to the new committee begins at the start of June.
    - GSA is working with Dr. Golembewski on new stipend levels.
  - UMBC  
Jessica Burstrem:

- GSA elections are complete, and every role has been filled so far except Speaker. Jessica Burstrem will be President.
- Annual awards are coming as well as the GSA gala both of which will occur later in May 2024.
- 3 meet and confer sessions occurred during the 2023-2024 year. It was discovered that the GSA should improve communication and information sharing with graduate program leaders.

## 5. Committee Reports

- Program Review
  - None to report.
- Long Range Planning and New Programs
  - None to report.
- New Courses
  - UMB
    - New Courses
      - None to report.
    - Change in Existing Courses
      - NURS 802 – Research and Scholarship Seminar
        - ◆ Approved
      - NURS 821 – Grant Proposal Writing
        - ◆ Approved
      - NURS 840 – Philosophy of Science and Developmental Theory
        - ◆ Approved
      - NURS 841 – Theory and Conceptualization in Nursing
        - ◆ Approved
  - UMBC
    - New Courses
      - CTBR 601 – Practical Data Networking
        - ◆ Approved
      - BTEC 661 – Cell and Gene Therapy
        - ◆ Approved
    - Change in Existing Courses
      - None to report.
- Graduate Faculty
  - UMB
    - Waddell, Jaylyn: Non-Member to Regular
      - Approved
  - UMBC
    - Islam, Riadul: Associate to Regular
      - Approved
    - Chatterjee, Ansu: Non-member to Regular

- Approved
- Vonhoff, Fernando: Associate to Regular
  - Approved
- Goel, Ankit: Associate to Regular
  - Approved
- Bennett, Joseph: Associate to Regular
  - Approved
- Sutton, Laurie: Associate to Regular
  - Approved

6. **Old Business**

- None to report.

7. **New Business**

- UMBC is looking to recruit 3 graduate faculty for a review by grievance committee in relation to the Title IX case. Jennifer Maher, Adam Bargteil, and Patrick Wintrode volunteered.
- NA new policy was proposed by Dr. Tanya Sanders which would allow students whose dissertations are relevant to non-English research to write their comprehensive exams and dissertation in a non-English language when sound academic reasons are provided, and the academic resources are available.
  - A slightly different version being proposed by Dr. Craig Saper allows non-English to be present in a dissertation when it quotes information, key terms, and other important information. The non-English information being presented must have a focus on translating the bulk of information into English.
  - The policies were reviewed and discussed but not approved by the full Graduate Council.

***Next Meeting:***  
*September 5, 2024*  
*Hosted by UMB*  
*In Person & Zoom*