

Graduate Council Policy Committee

September 16, 2020 • 10:30 am • Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Keith Koons (CAH), Uluc Aysun (COB), Jim Moharam (Optics, **Chair**), Robin Back (RCHM), Kausik Mukhopadhyay (CECS), Laurie Neely (CHPS), Corinne Bishop (LIB), Ladda Thiamwong (CON), Ann Shillingford-Butler (CCIE), Stacy Barber (COS), Claudia Andl (COM), Gerald Matthews (Mod/Sim), Devon Jensen (CGS), Barbara Fritzsche (CGS), Jennifer Parham (CGS), Winston Schoenfeld (CGS)

Guests Present: Sevil Sonmez (COB), Alan Fyall (RCHM), Ali Gordon (CECS), Elizabeth Klonoff (CGS)

Recorder: Michele Pozdollar

Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by committee chair Dr. Moharam. A quorum was established.

General business

Introductions, Graduate Policy Committee overview, Graduate Council website, dates and start times for meetings and proxy voting. After the introductions of all committee member, Dr. Moharam gave an overview of the graduate policy committee member responsibilities. Michele Pozdollar spoke to the committee on how to navigate throughout the Graduate Council website. The dates and start times for all meeting for fall and spring semester are listed on the Graduate Council website. The committee voted not to allowed proxy voting. Dr. Keith Koons nominated himself for Vice-Chair, and committee voted to have Dr. Koons as Vice-Chair of the policy committee.

New Business-Discussion regarding Universities regulation/policy on GRE tests for admission to graduate

Programs-Dr. Devon led this discussion and provided a power point presentation and handout titled "*GRE context at UCF*". GRE is a test administered by ETS. The test has 3 sections quantitative, verbal and analytical. This test is offered globally across the world. Some testing sites are not available in rural locations. At home test is continuing to grow. UCF has 130 program/tracks that require a GRE for admissions. A concern was brought up about the fellowships. Dr. Parham answered the concerns regarding the fellowships and stated the Doctoral Fellowship committee would discuss and look at other factors for admission requirements. Dr. Klonoff suggest the committee move forward to making the GRE optional at the doctoral level and leave up to each individual program to decide. After a lengthy discussion the committee voted to make the GRE requirement optional for Fall 2021 and Summer 2021 admissions short term. Long term plan to reassess getting rid of the GRE for program admissions. Logistic for long term will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30am. The next meeting will be held on October 14th.