

# **Graduate Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021

2:00 p.m. Online Meeting:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96706412843?pwd=YVBDYkVVMUUhZVMczd2RCS2NuZEVJdz09>

### I. Call to order

Kelleher called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

### II. Approval of minutes from April 7 and April 14, 2021

Minutes from April 7 were previously approved at April 14 meeting. Minutes from April 14 meeting were approved.

### III. International Student Achievement Awards – call for nominations

Kelleher will send out award information and a list of eligible students to collect nominations for certificates of achievement. Some students were previously recognized and will be highlighted on the forms (although they are not precluded from recognition again). Members should reply to Kelleher's email to submit nominations.

### IV. Subcommittees for Ph.D. admissions

On-time application deadline is now December 15. Kelleher proposed that between December 15 and the January committee meeting, subcommittees will conduct the first round of Ph.D. applicant review. These subcommittees will be led by Chen (ADV), Walsh Childers (JOU), McNealy (MPMT), Hutchens (PR and Political Com), Fisher (health/science), and any other graduate faculty members who would like to screen initial applications for review in any other areas of interest that they identify. Subcommittee members will be identified by chairs and asked to conduct the first round of review to identify promising applicants in their area. Results of this initial round of review will be brought to the January committee meeting for further consideration.

Discussion followed regarding the ability for faculty members to be included on multiple committees, which was approved. Further discussion focused on matching applicants with faculty areas of research expertise. McNealy inquired about

applicants self-identifying an interest area, and Kelleher confirmed that students have opportunities on the application to express areas of interest. Ostroff pointed out the need to consider areas of research interest as well as demonstrated background and experience as they relate to assistantship assignments. The committee agreed to remain flexible in application review in regards to the content areas.

V. Curriculum

a. Projects in lieu of thesis, Pro Master's projects

The committee agreed that no action will be taken at this time to change MMC 6973/RTV 6973 as catalog listings, but that promoting Pro Master's projects as capstones for a separate track from thesis tracks and proposing a permanent course number for Pro Master's projects will be important to clarifying different expectations for the Pro Master's and the Research & Theory master's programs.

Statistics requirements in MAMC degree plans

The committee agreed that no action will be taken at this time to change the language of the statistics requirement. Updated research-and-theory degree plans include language that "at least 3 credits of electives must be a statistics course, unless cleared by advisor."

VI. Other business

Meetings will continue on a bi-weekly basis via zoom unless otherwise announced.

VII. Adjourn

Kelleher adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm.

In attendance: Kelleher, Treise, McNealy, Ostroff, Walsh-Childers, Calienes, Hutchens, Te, Spiker, Kropp, Chen, Fisher, Goodman, DiStaso