The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. by Yuliang Liu, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2021
• The minutes were approved with no opposition.

III. Public Comments

• None.

IV. Report of the Programs Committee

a) Form 91A: Psychology
   - School Psychology (Specialist Degree)
   - Clinical Child & School Psychology (Master of Science)
   • The department is requesting to replace PSYC594 with PSYC585 because they found a need for a course addressing multi-cultural issues in the field. Moving PSYC594 to the Clinical Child & School Psychology program because it gives more of a comprehensive introduction to school psychology, including ethical and legal practices.

b) Accelerated CBGD Program for ME and MRE Students
   • The department would like to include Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering to be eligible for the Mechanical Engineering Master’s degree. This change essentially would simply allow the Mechatronics students to qualify for the accelerated program.

c) Form 91A: Civil Engineering – Geotechnical Engineering
   • Increase the number of required courses from 5 to 7 to deepen the students understanding of the subject matter and make this specialization consistent with others in the department.

d) Form 91A: Kinesiology – Exercise & Sport Psychology
   • The department would like to make KIN 509, Research Methods, required. The change aligns with the Association for Applied Sport Psychology with the requirements for the Certified Mental Performance Consultant certification. The department believes it is important for their students to take a Research Methods course for the program. They would also like to add KIN 598, Final Seminar in Exercise & Sport Psychology, as a requirement for the non-thesis option for students. Electives were also added for those focused in Exercise Psychology. This will also keep their program competitive.

e) Art & Design Studio – Interim Review
   • Three recommendations were addressed. The first recommendation was to prioritize personnel recruiting needs to address personnel losses. In the short-term, they have hired a visiting ceramics professor and have gotten their request for a tenure track accepted. Have a request in for a new safety and maintenance staff that is pending approval. Non-tenure track and grad assistants are currently helping with woodshop safety. The second recommendation was to increase diversity. The department has added a diversity statement to their recruitment policies and noted a person of color is currently enrolled in their first year of the MFA program. The third recommendation was to provide formal training to the MFA students put into teaching rolls. Area heads meet with the TAs to provide syllabi, grading rubrics, etc. The Programs Committee suggested to the department that they poll the students to see how they feel about teaching and what they consider lacking.
f) Music – Interim Review

- Several recommendations were addressed. One was to engage in faculty wide comprehensive review of the graduate program to provide a clear vision for future efforts. The department recognizes the need for changes in the music education specialization. Another was to continue to refine and improve department communication efforts. The department feels that they have vastly improved this area. Efforts to increase enrollments was a third recommendation, they have seen major progress with enrollment with a 40-50% increase. Enhance course offerings and explore additional methods of delivery was another recommendation. The department has added a new faculty member that has reinvigorated some of the course offerings and the COVID-19 pandemic has forced them to be adaptive. The department has lost GA support, but funding has been withdrawn. The department did make a comment that their assessment plan is “20 years old”. The Programs Committee accepted the report but sent a memorandum to them to get on that revision of their assessment program and submit it to GCOA.

  ➢ Michael Hair brought the above forward for Graduate Council approval. Mike Shaw motioned to approve items a-f; Barb McCracken seconded. The items were approved with no opposition.

V. Report of the Educational and Research Policies (ERP) Committee

a) GR2021-13 – Graduate Degree Retention Policy – 1L12

- Regular review of policy. Changes were made with input from the Registrar's Office to align with Policy 1F1, reducing confusion regarding graduate assistant GPA requirements and to add dismissal process to the policy. ERP made a friendly amendment to the policy for clarity.

b) GR2021-14 – Implementation and Administration Responsibility Policy – 1Q8

- Regular review of policy. Input was received from the Registrar's Office with no recommended changes. ERP made a friendly amendment to the policy making it clear that the GC will include a statement when the recommendation should be an exception to this policy.

c) GR2021-15 – Implementation Guidelines Concerning Research – 1M5

- Regular review of policy with minor corrections. Input was received from the Provost's Office. The policy mentions "A Policy for Awarding of Credit for Grant Authorship" and ERP asked that the link to said policy be added into this policy.

  ➢ Barb McCracken brought the above forward for Graduate Council approval. Mike Shaw motioned to approve items a-c; Kay Gaehle seconded. The items were approved with no opposition.

d) R&D Nominees

- The Graduate Council voted on the new R&D committee members with candidates that were approved by ERP. A Qualtrics survey was sent prior to the meeting. Adriana Martinez was voted on from Physical Sciences and Engineering, Sorin Nastasia was voted on from Social Sciences, Business and Education, and Kathleen Vongsathorn was voted on from Arts and Humanities.
e) RPAB Nominees

- The Graduate Council voted on the new RPAB committee members with candidates that were approved by ERP. A Qualtrics survey was sent prior to the meeting. Maria Kontoyianni was voted on from School of Pharmacy. School of Dental Medicine and School of Nursing did not provide candidates and their positions on the committee will remain vacant for now.

VI. Graduate School Dean Evaluation Process

- Three volunteers were needed from the Graduate Council to prepare various surveys and write up the evaluation for the Graduate School Dean Evaluation Process. Barb McCracken, Yuliang Liu, and Walter Siganga volunteered.

VII. FY20 Graduate School Report

- Dean Jerry Weinberg presented a report containing FY20 review with FY21 goals. Trends for proposals are remaining flat, but the dollar amounts for proposals are increasing. Graduate enrollment is up. The total ICR was 2.6 million for FY20, 48% was returned to the Units. Goals for FY21 included launching a new internal program this year with a focus on improving mentoring for graduate students, establishing a graduate school feedback form, increasing faculty proposals, enhancing faculty support, and improving compliance. The full PowerPoint of the FY20 will be uploaded on the Graduate Council SharePoint and posting to the Graduate Council's minutes page on the website.

VIII. Continuing Business

- None.

IX. New Business

- Mike Shaw stated that there will be an annual chemistry lecture next week and they are having a symposium in chemistry for graduate students on March 26th, 2021 and have two $1,500 awards for chemistry research.

X. Adjournment

- Barb McCracken motioned to adjourn; Mike Shaw seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.