

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2024 - ZOOM

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Annette Barnes, DNP, MSN  
Jennifer Bergner, MSME  
Stephanie Bernhard, ENGL  
Richard Bowler, HIST  
Melissa Bugdal, Fulton School Rep  
David Burns, COMM  
Doug DeWitt, MED  
Memo Diriker, Faculty Senate Liaison  
Yvonne Downie-Hanley, MBA  
Maida Finch, EDD  
James Fox, EDLD  
Elizabeth Geiger, OGS  
Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies  
Samantha Hicks, GSC  
Amanda Hill, CHHS Rep  
Elizabeth Kressin, Registrar

Scott Mazzetti, HHPF  
Heather Porter, Seidel Rep  
Jessica Scott, OGS

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Thomas Boudreau, CADR  
Martin Hunter, Registrar  
Allen Koehler, AVP Enrollment Management  
Eric Liebgold, BIO  
Ruth Malone, REED  
Stephen Oby, MSW Erin Stutelberg, MAT  
Andrea Presotto, GIS

I. Call to Order – 3:30pm.

II. Opening Remarks

- D. DeWitt announced he will be retiring. He thanked Grad Council for their continued efforts and is proud of the accomplishments they made during his time at SU.
- Several Grad Council members thanked D. DeWitt for his leadership, especially during the planning and approval stages for the new graduate school.

III. GSC Remarks

- GSC hosted a lot of events on campus including multiple socials, a Grad Night in the Box and partnered with the Counseling Center to discuss student mental health.
- The GSC had regularly scheduled meetings with the Provost and the President to present ideas.
- Starting in Fall 24, GSC will focus on addressing the needs of our international graduate students.
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- A. Barnes and J. Bergner will return. A. Hill volunteered to serve as well. A. Barnes will serve as Chair.
- Academic Policies Committee
  - Will table for now until APC has a charge.

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