

## Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2024

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1. Meeting called at 8:31
2. Approval of January Minutes, motioned by B. McFadden, seconded by G. Morris
3. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Spring 2024
  - a. March 20
  - b. April 3 (to accommodate PhD reviews)
  - c. May 8
  - d. Program proposals and major changes need to be submitted to OGPS by the first Wednesday of the month
4. Announcements
  - a. April 15<sup>th</sup> Resolution – we're a part of the resolution, put out by the Council of Graduate Schools
  - b. PhD reviews – Cell Biology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Neuroscience, Psychology
  - c. Allowable overlap of credits in joint degree programs – only 25% of credits can overlap
  - d. 4+1 programs and credits – only six credits can count for both degrees. Student can earn another 6 hours beyond what is required for their undergraduate degree which can be applied to their graduate degree
5. Revisions to the Unified Graduate Honor Code – Vote
  - a. Some modifications to make sure that the code reflects a broader set of possibilities for professional students as well as research-based graduate students
  - b. Current proposal for the panel is 3 students and 2 faculty. Many of our peers have a faculty majority whereas we have a student majority.
    - i. Students are often more stringent. This panel is a panel of students' peers, and the honor is something that peers hold each other to, versus a monolithic entity that is holding power
    - ii. The final decision is made by the dean on the recommendation of the honor board
  - c. Motion passed, 9 in favor, 1 opposed
6. Freeman School of Business proposal to reduce credit hours of PMBA – Vote
  - a. Motion passed, all in favor
7. New business
  - a. Does anything change about how we offer SREB fellowships given the changes from SCOTUS?

- i. No, these fellowships are awarded after admission. We can look at students racial or ethnic background after admission
    - ii. We can go through a matching process to help put students with funding
  - b. We were awarded 3 SREB fellows
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 motioned by B. McFadden