**Graduate Studies Meeting AGENDA for March 9, 2023**

**3:05 pm**

Philbrick Room

[Minutes](https://myccsu.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/GraduateStudiesCommittee/Ec8sVXnNiRNKucaQLGH50dcBRbyIVAQmyMFoR7bDkUxmLQ) from last meeting

Meeting [Schedule](https://myccsu.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/GraduateStudiesCommittee/EflYLzBEXy5EqKbdSkBwmBMBOXF-COtWUSoipXgOOGRmWQ?e=ucB04l)

*Note: A QR Code will be used to attendance at the meeting. If you don’t have a phone to scan the code, please email* [*amryan@ccsu.edu*](mailto:amryan@ccsu.edu) *that you were at the meeting*

Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm

Attendance: S. Basim, A. Chae, M. Cubellis,  J. Holt, W. Henry, Y. Huang, E. G. Kim, H. S. Lim, J. Kennedy, H. Koulidabrova, S. Minkler, T. Ryan, K. Shabana, D. Spillman, N. Takemae, M.North, R. Fuentes, J. Thomas, S. Wu, J. Edwards, M. Davis

Minutes of GSC meeting on 2/2/2023 approved

New Business

* Updates from AVP Steve Minkler
* Update on Graduate Open House, March 4, 2023: 99 students attended in person; and others attended virtually via live feed, for a total of 131 in attendance. Lower attendance than expected probably due to weather conditions that day.
  + Dean’s offices will have access to the QR code data on attendance for their programs soon,
* Last Fall, President Toro, Provost Kostelis hosted meetings with schools and program directors re: continued discussion about Grad Studies.
  + Amy Gagnon and Steve will follow up in Spring to listen to thoughts and concerns about how a Grad Studies Office can best help grad programs and students.
    - What kind of support would graduate programs look for from Steve
    - How to restore student voice (in the current absence of a GSA) - how to re-engage students in grad studies program functioning.
  + Invitation to follow, coming from the Provost
  + Intention is to keep the day-to-day work going on and look for new opportunities.
* “Transactional processes” are under review, to redesign those procedures to be more efficient, e.g. avoiding extra pathways for approvals and signatures
* More efficiency will allow Steve and Amy more opportunities to provide advocacy re: expanding opportunities; to facilitate grad studies innovations; facilitating permissions from BOR to proceed forward with new programming
* URCAD- we are awarding 4 graduate-level scholarships, one per school, with funding from Grad Studies budget. More information about how to recommend students and deadline will be forthcoming, once the Awards Committee has received accurate information.
* Program Review and Assessment
* SM is working with Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, to complete site visits in programs. Program review and assessments are for compliance and improvement
  + We are near 100 % in compliance with reporting; good for NECHE requirements
  + SM noted there will be invitations to attend a NECHE workshop after Spring Break.

Q&A with Steve:

* + Question Re: number of Accelerate programs and student feedback on them (Shuju Wu). Jillian Holt remarked that there are currently 10-12 programs, enrolling 50-60 students; students have found program options helpful. First student Accelerate student is graduating with their Masters. Some programs are awaiting BOR approval.
  + There is some flexibility for some programs and the number of credits that would be required for an Accelerated program.
  + Several undergrad majors in business feed into the same program
  + Mike Davis noted that Business has multiple programs that feed into the MBA, but each has their own language about requirements etc.
  + Steve Minkler indicated that we are essentially creating pathways for advisement tracks,, rather than programs
  + Kareeem Shabana explained that the Accelerated programs that feed into the MBA have their own designations.
* Jillian Holt will send out language that the programs use in developing their program descriptions and requirements

Standing Committees

* CURRICULUM- Chair: Toni Ryan  - [Agenda](https://myccsu.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/GraduateStudiesCommittee/EesNgI-R4yhKigiO1YzSwu8BL76JI_ubmt5Ww5WwtAOu9Q?e=oRbqNU) from 3/2/2023 meeting – GSC approved GSCC consent agenda
* POLICY- Chair: Kareem Shabana  - No items for discussion
* AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP- Chair: Jillian Maynard

URCAD: Monday, April 24th 12:00 – 5:00 pm, in the Student Center

Deadlines for application for presentation and awards will be extended to end of March, possibly beginning of April

Need more volunteers for judging posters/oral presentations

Meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm.