**Graduate Studies Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2020**

WebEx @ 3:00

[Meeting link](https://ccsu.webex.com/ccsu/j.php?MTID=mcbb1f300e9d88eb758cc927698661c15). Pass: ypVSv99aiM8

Attachments sent by email

Sent Sept 14: Agenda for 9/17

### Present: C. Robinson, Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies, Research, and Faculty Development; E. Leonidas (Chair); A. Pozorski; S. Watton; R. Bilisoly; S. Clapp; S. Jones; S. Basim; W. Davis; X. Hou; X. Shen; A. Morales; B. Nicholson; A. Ryan; C. Rodriguez; J. Thomas; C.H. Leong; E. Thornton; F. He; G. Robinson; J. Holt; J. DiPlacido; Lee-Partridge, J.; K. Shabana; L. Jacobson; M. Bednarski; M. Ciscel; M. Mackey; M. Chen; M. North; N. Zlatareva; R. Simmons; R. Cohen; R. Singhai; R. Rachler; P. Petterson

### The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

* [Minutes from 4-20-20](https://www.ccsu.edu/grad/gsc/files/GSCMINUTES4-23-2020.docx); review and vote by membership

The meetings were moved and approved by consent.

* [Schedule for AY 2020-21](https://www.ccsu.edu/grad/gsc/meetingDates.html)
* Election of GSC Secretary (forthcoming). Pozorski said she would take Minutes for 9/17.

Announcements

* GSC Chair, Eric Leonidas

Congratulations to Christina Robinson on her promotion to Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies, Research, and Faculty Development.

Our 3 standing subcommittees are full! Many thanks to those who signed up. Subcommittee business begins Thursday, 9-23 with Policy. Look for notice from Mike Davis.

The position of GSC chair will become open next year. Anyone with interest, or just questions, can contact the Chair, and he’ll be happy to explain what's involved.

* Associate VP for Graduate Studies, Christina Robinson

The School of Graduate Studies will develop a new student council to serve in place of the GSA; this should broaden student participation and overall effectiveness. Instructions for submitting society budget requests will circulate soon, but societies eager to plan can submit requests now, using the old format, to Christina Robinson.

The new Chalk Talks welcome graduate student participation as attendees, presenters, or co-presenters; this offers a terrific opportunity for faculty-student engagement, whether presenting research conducted together, or as (for example) a faculty-organized panel

presenting selected work from a course or larger research project. Email Christina Robinson to discuss format and get on the calendar.

* Graduate Recruitment and Admissions, Director Pat Gardner

A virtual Graduate Open House is currently scheduled for October 31, 11:00-1:00. Programs will need representation.

OIRA Freeze date enrollment numbers

**Fall 2020 Full-time, First Time**

Applications  509 compared to 429 – 18.6% increase

Acceptances 312 compared to 278  - 12.2% increase

Enrolled (including first time summer) 260 compared to 218 – 19.3% increase

**Fall 2020 Part-time, First Time**

Applications 429 compared to 516 – 16.9% degrease

Acceptances 338 compared to 426 – 20.7% decrease

Enrolled (including first time summer) – 413 compared to 443 – 6.8% decrease

**Overall Enrollment (first time and continuing):**

Fall 2020 Full time

                 542 compared to 503 – 7.8% increase

Fall 2020 Part Time

1,517 compared to 1,606 – 5.5% decrease

Fall 2020 Total Overall Enrollment

                2,059 compared to 2,109 – 2.4% decrease

Standing Committees

CURRICULUM- Chair: Laura Jacobson

* No Report

POLICY- Chair: Mike Davis

* No Report

SCHOLARSHIP- Chair: TBA

* No Report

Non-Graded APPEALS- Chair: Ralph Cohen

* No report

New Business

* Discussion: Impact of BluePrint on graduate education

Concerns were raised about how fall scheduling for graduate seminars seemed to take place outside of the systems of faculty governance. We discussed the importance of considering pedagogical needs of graduate students when making future decisions about course delivery.

* Past and pending changes to academic policies

We also discussed revisiting the new Pass/Fail policy passed through Senate this spring, making sure it is appropriate for graduate students in particular. Discussion of this item was referred to the Policy subcommittee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted and fondly, Aimee Pozorski