

# UMGSB GRADUATE COUNCIL

## AGENDA

Thursday, October 7, 2021

[Zoom Meeting Hosted by](#)  
[UMBC](#)

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Overview of the Graduate Council and Committee Structure – *asked for questions about the structure. No questions asked.*
3. Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on September 9, 2021 – *Approved with Janet's changes.*
4. **Announcements/plans/issues UMB –**
  - *Roger Ward (Interim Provost) has officially been named the Provost of UMB. He continues to serve as the Dean of the Graduate School.*
  - *GA stipends – a number of programs have raised their stipends. A committee was established to oversee and annually review the stipends.*
  - *Recently completed two program reviews – PhD Molecular Medicine and PBC-Research Ethics. Documents will be posted to Blackboard for review at the November meeting.*
5. **Announcements/plans/issues UMBC –**
  - *Reached an enrollment record of 2803 students. Fifteen students were unenrolled who did not follow vaccination policy.*
  - *PhD Candidacy ceremony will be held virtually next week (Oct. 15 @ Noon) with 106 candidates.*

- *A concern was raised about having a webex meeting vs. webex event so that students will be able to see their loved ones. UMBC strives to make the event more audience friendly.*
- *November 5<sup>th</sup> will begin a series of listening sessions as a commitment to make sure the university is providing students with quality experience. Students will be able to ask questions and express concerns.*
- *Steve Pitts asked that UMBC colleagues reach out to the GPDs to make sure first year incoming students are in compliance with the series of trainings that are required by the health center.*

## **6. GSA Reports**

- **UMBC –**
  - i. Transit concerns were raised regarding covid guidelines. The bus lines are too crowded and bus frequency is insufficient because of adhering to the guidelines. GSA is still waiting on a response from the transportation office.*
  - ii. UMBC GSA is starting to carefully plan in-person events.*
  - iii. Increasing grants for professional development. Investigatory committee started to see if GSA is spending funds in an equitable way.*
  - iv. Graduate Students of the Week! Take a look - <https://gsa.umbc.edu/graduate-student-of-the-week/>*
  - v. What should commencement look like for the Fall semester? Undergraduate strongly want an in-person ceremony. Initial recommendation is to have students in person and family to participate virtually.*
- **UMB – No report – GSA rep unable to attend.**

## **7. Committee Reports**

- **Program Review** – Erin will send documents for Molecular Medicine and Research Ethics.
- **Long Range Planning and New Programs** – Review of cover page form for modifications to programs. Edits provided to the form from council. Form will help the sub-committee stay on the same page with decisions. Council voted and it was approved.
- **New Courses** – 9 new courses from UMB; No new courses from UMBC – Council approved all recommendations and the committee report.

**INNO 632** – (3) Creating Value in a Venture Based on Intellectual Property – Revision Needed - mix up with credit hours and contact hours – still reviewing

**MCST 615** – (1) Medical Cannabis Capstone II – Approved - Missing course master CV

**HPE 715** – (3) Quantitative Research Methods 1 – Approved – missing signatures

**SOWK 828** – (3) Causal Inference - Approved

**SOWK 817** – (1) Phil Sci Socially Just Rsch (2) - Approved

**SOWK 816** – (1) Phil Sci Socially Just Rsch - Approved

**PALC 652** – (3) App Biostatics in Pali Care - Approved - Missing course master CV

**PALC 650** – (3) Understanding Found Palli Care - Approved - Missing course master CV

**SOWK 827** – Epi and Behavioral Health Research – Approval Pending - Revision Needed – recommendation to approve but need to review Graduate Council guidelines regarding participation and attendance (i.e., provide guidance regarding how participation points will be assigned)

- **Graduate Faculty** – unanimously approved all nominations and approved by the council.

### UMB

Ament, Seth, Psychiatry/IGS - Regular

Awad, Ola A., Microbiology & Immunology - Regular

Brown, Jessica P., Epidemiology & Public Health - Regular

Chen, Hegang H., Epidemiology & Public Health - Regular

de Cuba, Susan, Pharmacy Practice & Science - Special

Matarese (Covell), Marlene, Social Work - Regular

*Melemedjian, Ohannes, Neural and Pain Sciences - Regular*  
*Njie-Carr, Veronica P.S., Organizational Systems & Adult Health - Regular*  
*Thelen, Mary - Special*  
*Wimberly, Alexandra, Social Work - Regular*  
*Gillespie, Joseph, Microbiology and Immunology*

**UMBC**

*Bonneau, Nicholas, History - Special*  
*Chaos, Marcos, Mechanical Engineering - Special*  
*Dwivedi, Vivek H., Mechanical Engineering - Special*  
*Hunter, Bronwyn, Psychology - Special*  
*Karimi, Naghmeh, CSEE - Regular*  
*Persampiere, John, Psychology - Special*  
*Snyder, Donald, Media & Communications Studies - Regular*  
*Yoon, Kathleen, Psychology - Regular*

8. **Old Business –**

- Graduate Faculty Guidelines – Clarity of criteria for regular graduate faculty status. *Council made some edits to the updated guidelines and will review them again in November.*
- *Committees asked to review Bylaws. Email was sent and posted on the UMBC Blackboard.*

9. **New Business – None**

10. **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:**  
*November 4, 2021*  
*Teleconference*  
*Led by UMB*