

Graduate Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92706633413?pwd=SE5kaTNQQldOanE0ZXU0NldZc1NsZz09>

I. Call to order

Goodman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting conducted October 12, 2022

Graduate Committee approved the minutes from the prior meeting.

III. Petitions From Students

- a. Informal petition from Heidi Makady to hold the student's defense on Zoom due to committee members being on sabbatical and unable to meet in person. The defense is scheduled on 11/30/22. Motion to approve made and seconded. Motion approved.
- b. Petition for Renee Mitson to be a program coordinator in a month-long study abroad program while on a 12-month assistantship. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Motion passed in a 10 to 2 vote. Petition will be forwarded to the Graduate School due to the funding source of the 12-month assistantship.

IV. Ph.D. Applicant Visitation

Scheduled for February as an in-person event with the division supporting the cost of domestic travel but international invitees will be able to present a research presentation via Zoom.

V. Public Defense Policy

Discussion regarding a potential requirement of all defenses to provide a Zoom link even if all committee members will be present in the room. Discussion included support to allow the student to decide whether to include a Zoom link in the public announcements when all members will be in person. The issue of whether a student could provide limited access to a Zoom link to select people, such as family, for an in-person defense but not have it publicly available was raised. Dr. Goodman will inquire as to the open meeting regulations and the committee will revisit the policy in the next meeting.

- VI. **Doctoral Application Assessment Form**
The proposed assessment form for reviewing Ph.D. applications was shared and feedback was request from the committee to improve the form.
- VII. **Doctoral Application Deadline for the Fall 2024 Cohort**
Discussion to move the doctoral application deadline from the current December 15 deadline to December 1 for those applying to start in fall 2024 was discussed. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Motion approved
- VIII. **New Business**
No new business was brought forward.
- IX. **Request for department chairs and guests to leave meeting at 9:30 so the Doctoral Dissertation Award review committee could meet.**
- X. **Doctoral Mentoring Award nomination**
Three faculty members were nominated that meet the award criteria- Rita Men, Frank Waddell, and Yu-Hao Lee. Members discussed that all three nominations were stellar mentors, and all were more than worthy of the to be the college's nominee. Motion to nominate Frank Waddell was made and seconded. Motion was approved. Dr. Goodman will notify Dr. Waddell of the nomination.
- XI. **Posthumous Degree for Rakeem Robinson**
CJC Graduate Committee unanimously approved the motion to approve a posthumous Ph.D. degree to Rakeem Robinson. The recommendation will now be sent to the Graduate School and Provost for review and approval.
- XII. **Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:54am.**

In attendance for the Graduate Committee Meeting: Goodman, Walsh-Childers, Coffey, Fisher, Hoffman, Ostroff, Chen, Hmielowski, Patterson, Pino-Diaz, Hutchens, Te, Grant, Olinick, Morton, Spiker, Holloway.

In attendance for the Doctoral Advisor Award Nomination Review: Goodman, Walsh-Childers, Morton, Holloway, Coffey, Holloway, Te, Patterson, Hoffman.