

## Graduate Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

07/12/2023

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Present: Matthew Smith, Ph.D., Angelo DeLucia Ph.D., Scott Wisneski Ph.D., Julie Aultman Ph.D., Vivian Von Gruenigen M.D, Erin Franks Ph.D., Priya Raman Ph.D., Amy Lee M.D., Nath Flath, Lynda McPhail, Jodie Turosky, RPH, Nicolas Osborne, Phil Jenkinson, Kelly Shrock, Greg Koman- Cronauer, Chelsea Luli, Alexander Peralta

Absent: Jesse Young Ph.D., Bernhard Fassel M.D, Vahagn Ohanyan M.D., Rebecca Fischbein Ph.D., Natalie Bonfine Ph.D.

Agenda Item	Presenter	Action
Call to Order	Julie Aultman, Ph.D.	N/A
Approval of May 2023 meeting minutes	Julie Aultman, Ph.D.	Julie Aultman, Ph.D. entertained a motion to vote. Voted for the first motion was Alex Galazyuk Ph.D. and was seconded by Scott Wisneski, Ph.D.  None opposed, and the May meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
New business:  Announcement from the Dean of the College	Julie Aultman, Ph.D.	Announcement from federal and state levels. Julie Aultman, Ph.D., began by announcing the recent SCOTUS decision on affirmative action. Dr. Aultman mentioned due to recent events there was a meeting this past Tuesday between the President, Provost, and General Counsel. As a result of that meeting, it concurred that there will be revamping on diversity within the application and how the university moves forward given the new federal law.  The institution will be looking at SCOTUS's recent decision and how that will be implemented in the state of Ohio, which will impact NEOMED. President Langell and various other presidents across the university system in the state of Ohio will be meeting in the future on how the new affirmative action decision will impact the university/public schools. The College of Graduate Studies will be directly impacted by new state laws arising and federal laws being passed. However, NEOMED will focus on the implications and navigating through those new laws.  CMHA program or budget was not approved at the State, however, negotiations will continue (delayed likely from 2026 to 2028 start). The certified mental health associate degree that

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		<p>was proposed to the state was rejected. The application within existence would have been the first in the country. The institution will be revising the program and proposing it in 2028.</p> <p>A \$4 million state fund was allocated to the College of Dentistry. ODHE-approved COD and CODA will be doing a sight visit in November along with HLC. Dr. Aultman mentioned that some will be recruited to be part of the HLC process.</p> <p>Final budget approval occurred on June 30<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Aultman will be meeting with all program directors to discuss their specific budget and what was approved.</p>
Vice Dean Announcement	Julie Aultman, Ph.D.	<p>Scott Wisneski Ph.D. has officially been announced as Vice Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. Dr. Wisneski will be assisting Julie Aultman, Ph.D. Dean of the College of Graduate Studies with various duties.</p> <p>Some of Dr. Wisneski's work will include providing updates on faculty engagement, which will be vital in retrieving data with new policies put in place here at NEOMED. Assisting in all matters concerning the professional development of faculty and/or their recruitment and evaluation. Dr. Wisneski will be stepping in at a crucial time as the College is growing at an expeditious rate. Lastly, Dr. Wisneski will be covering by-laws in the coming future with faculty.</p>
Budget update	Phil Jenkinson	<p>Phil Jenkinson, Director of Operations presented the budget and how the College has been trending upwards. The institution has been investing in the College due to a positive and fast-paced growth trend according to the model.</p> <p>Mr. Jenkinson would like to schedule meetings with all program directors regarding their specific budget and to answer any specific questions they may have.</p> <p>In his presentation, it was also mentioned that any new programs/tracks will have to be put on pause for now. The reason there is a lack of assessment which is needed to show proof that there is a need for new programs or new tracks</p>

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		<p>to be developed. The College has been pushing for a new role within the administrative side to provide much-needed assistance. This is a priority for the College.</p> <p>Alongside the presentation, Dr. Aultman included a comment that is initiated by the Strategic Office that all programs will be going through a process of internal review. Their office will be reviewing all data that is collected and measuring quality and reviewing at large what is beneficial for the community outside of NEOMED rather than a subset community within the institution.</p>
Memberships	Alexander Peralta	<p>Alexander Peralta presented that he will be collecting information from program directors of a new faculty list. This will be useful in keeping up-to-date information for the Office of Academic Affairs.</p> <p>What was presented as well were the vacancies within committees. There will be five openings for the upcoming year that will need to be filled. The committees include GFC, CAPP, Student Conduct Council, Mental Health Committee, University Diversity Council, and University Research Council. All need one of each.</p> <p>Three new members will be a part of GFC starting August - Brie Seekford, Assistant Program Director of the CAA Program, Michael Kempe, Director of Financial Aid Office of Enrollment Services and Registrar, and Dr. James "Jim" Keszenheimer, Director of the Innovation Track. All will be non-voting members.</p>
Admissions (open discussion)	Julie Aultman, Ph.D./ Greg Koman-Cronauer	<p>COGS has not finalized the numbers of the college just yet but will be announced in August at our next GFC meeting. Jim Barrett and Greg Koman-Cronauer have been spearheading the admissions cycle. Forty-six early assurance seats have been confirmed. A growth from last from forty-two early assurance. 2 LOA (M2) who will be going to leadership/ethics – these students will be engaging in the pass program, which is an intensive 5-week program.</p> <p>Taskforce was implemented. They have developed a standardized set of questions for interviews, which proved to be critical. The reason is that students showed interest in</p>

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		<p>various programs. The fluidity of moving a student to a different program is less difficult due to these standardized questions.</p>
Orientation	Julie Aultman, Ph.D.	<p>Dr. Aultman provided the group with the finalized schedule of Student Orientation along with the assigned rooms. Due to time constraints, the topic was not discussed.</p>
GFC General schedule and topic areas	Julie Aultman, Ph.D.	<p>Dr. Aultman provided the group with a GFC monthly schedule to show the various topics that will be covered. Due to time constraints was not able to discuss furthermore.</p>
Open Discussion		<p>Dr. Aultman will be leaving the week of July 16 for a two-day retreat with the Emergency Management Team (EMT). In our following GFC meeting in August, Dr. Aultman will be debriefing the group on what was learned throughout the retreat. The Office of the President is hosting the retreat and will be presenting to the EMT improvements on performance management.</p> <p>The new Ohio State law regarding workload policy will hopefully be published sometime in August. This new policy will help the College gauge where they need to fill in the gaps with faculty and staff. Once published, it will be extensively discussed within GFC and how the College will be moving forward.</p> <p>A suggested idea from Dr. Wisneski was that information about the candidate (interviewee) could be useful before the interview and provided to the interviewer. Purpose: To have the context of the individual to create a more meaningful interview process. Another comment about the interview application was that scheduling was very efficient during the interview process. Credit to Greg Koman-Cronauer</p> <p>Adding a student support system is being discussed further within the provost's office.</p> <p>The writing center is looking for permanent funding. It's currently under SIF funding, which is temporary. COGS is pushing for the writing center to be permanently funded. Brian Butler is currently seeing close to 700 students. This is a key issue in that the writing center needs improvement in support.</p>

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		Data request: It would help to know what data is needed well beforehand to help in gathering those requests.
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