

**MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL MEETING**  
**February 5, 2019**  
**DUC, Room 276, 4pm**

Graduate Council Chair William F. Tate, Dean of the Graduate School, called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

- Dean Tate welcomed and thanked everyone for being present.

**II. Approval of November 27, 2018 minutes**

- The minutes from November 27, 2018 were approved with no corrections.

**III. Dean's report**

- Dean Tate reported on the PhD applications for the upcoming school year, breaking down details about how diverse the applicants pool was - female, first generation, international or disadvantaged students had a slight increase from previous years;
- Regarding international students, Dean Tate mentioned the importance of focusing on untapped applicants pools such as South America and Europe for the long-term planning of the Graduate School;
- On the domestic side, efforts should be made to have more applicants from peer and top institutions on Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**IV. Report from the Graduate Student Senate**

- Dan Mulrow announced the 24th Graduate Research Symposium to take place on March 19, 2019. Graduate students are encourage to submit a poster and present their research to peers and the WashU community.

**V. Approval of candidates for advanced degrees, December 2018**

- • The list of candidates was approved with no objections.

**VI. Approval of new courses for Spring and Fall 2019**

- The new courses were approved with no objections.

**VII. Approval in Change in Degree Name for Hispanic Studies**

- The change in the degree name was approved with no objections.

**VIII. Mentored Professional Experience**

- Diana Hill Mitchell - not the mentor teaching experience. Doc attached with FAQ
- Associate Dean for Policy and Program Analysis, Dean Mitchell introduced the Mentored Professional Experience, with an FAQ document for faculty and staff review. *(This document was sent to all attendees after this meeting by Dean Tate.)*

**IX. New Business**

- Dean Tate briefly mentioned that more updates about the Graduate School affairs will be available on May, with the complete Dean's Report.
- Future efforts for funding of the Graduate School will be updated in the fall by Dean Barbara Schaal.
- Financial services and tax related issues were briefly discussed and consolidation of information for graduate students was mentioned for future orientations.

With no further items on the agenda, Dean Tate adjourned the meeting at 4:52pm. The Graduate Council of the Graduate School will meet again on April 25, 2019 at the Women's Building Formal Lounge at 4pm.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Natalia Calleya, Graduate Council Recording Official 2018-19.