

**The University of Alabama in Huntsville
Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes**

**Friday / March 8, 2024
2:00 p.m. in SSB 201**

Members Present: Maria Pour, COE
Keith Hollingsworth, COE
Wafa Hakim-Orman, COB*
Milton Shen, COB
Xiaotong Li, COB
Jodi Price, CAHS*
Dylan Baun, CAHS
Lisa Vangsness, CAHS
Joe Conway, CAHS
Larry Carey, COS
Tanya Sysoeva, COS
Nilsa Black-Meade, CON
Tracy Lakin, CON
Jeremy Elliott, CoED*
Paul Whitehead, CoED
Hamsa Mahafza, CoED
Jon Hakkila, Chair*
Amy Smith, Registrar*

Members Absent: Mike Anderson, COE*
Nicholas Loyd, COE (No Proxy)
Lingze Duan, COS*
Ming Sun, COS (No Proxy)
Louise O'Keefe, CON*
Lenora Smith, CON (Proxy: Nilsa Black-Meade)
David Moore, Library*
Suzanne Simpson, OIREA*

Guests: Judy Schneider, Materials Science
Savannah Stewart, CON
Blakely Hart, CON
Monica Beck, CON
Misty McFadden, OIREA
Susan Knight, Graduate School
Michelle Massey, Graduate School
Audrey Jupiter, Graduate School

**Non-Voting Member*

1. Roll Call

A record of attendance was recorded as noted above.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion was made by Dr. Paul Whitehead to approve the graduate council meeting agenda.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Tracy Lakin. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 2024

Motion was made by Dr. Dylan Baun to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Paul Whitehead. Motion carried.

4. Announcement(s)

a. Recent Graduate School Events

- i. Graduate Poster Session Workshop – February 29, 3-4pm, SSB 201
- ii. Dinner with the Graduate Dean – March 5, 5:30-7pm, SSB 112

b. Upcoming Graduate School Events/Deadlines

- i. Abstracts Due for Graduate Poster Session Competition – March 15
- ii. Graduate Poster Session Competition – April 1, 2-5pm, SSB 112

Dr. Hakkila and the graduate school staff provided information about the graduate-focused events/deadlines as noted above.

5. 3MT Presentation by Wren Jenkins, College of Science

College of Science master's student and winner of the 2023 UAH 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition, Wren Jenkins, presented her 3MT pitch titled, "Domestication: Traits that Let Crops be a Salvation to the Population." Wren will represent UAH in the regional 3MT competition in Greenville, South Carolina, on March 14, 2024. (see attached slide)

6. Curricular Items

- a. COB: JUMP – BSBA Analytics, MS Business Analytics - **Approved**
- b. COB: MKT 565 – Marketing for New Ventures - **Conditionally approved with resubmission of syllabi for MKT 465 and MKT 565 demonstrating graduate rigor between the undergraduate and graduate courses**
- c. COE: MSSE CPE – Computer Engineering - **Approved**

7. Graduate Faculty Nominations – For Membership Consideration

- a. CoED: Burton, Stephanie (Ed Specialist, MS – Early Childhood Education) - **Approved**
- b. CoED: Crouch, Marcia (MS – Elementary Education) - **Approved**
- c. COS: Kogowski, Gary (PhD – Macromolecular Science & Engineering) - **Approved**
- d. COS: Ray, Biswajit (PhD – Electrical & Computer Engineering) - **Approved**
- e. COS: Gaskin, Jessica (PhD – Physics) *Works at NASA - **Meets Affiliate Member Criteria; Declined Membership since dual employment not allowed**
- f. COE: Sims, Joseph (PhD – Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering) - **Approved**
- g. CAHS: Torres, Aurora (PhD – Biological Psychology) - **Approved**
- h. COS: Pushpawela, Buddhi (PhD – Environmental Technology & Aerosol Physics) - **Approved**
- i. CoED: Priest, Datie (EdD – Educational Administration, EdS – Educational Leadership) - **Approved**
- j. CAHS: Odom, Brian (PhD – Public History) *Works at NASA - **Meets Affiliate Member Criteria; Declined Membership since dual employment not allowed**
- k. CoED: Thomas, Susie (EdD – Instructional Leadership) - **Approved**
- l. CoED: Deiss, Kelly (Masters – Mathematics Education) - **Approved**
- m. CAHS: Rogers, Stephen (JD) - **Approved**

8. JUMP Guidelines

Dr. Hakkila facilitated the discussion about UAH's Joint Undergraduate Master's Program (JUMP), including proposed criteria for admission to JUMP, enrollment in JUMP, and completing the JUMP pathway. Dr. Hakkila encouraged council to consider the feedback from the discussion and forward to him any corrections to the document for further discussion at the next Graduate Council meeting. (see attached document)

9. For the Good of the Order

Dr. Paul Whitehead encouraged council to help with advertising the "Hope Walks Here #StopSuicide" event to be held Sunday, April 7, 2024. Anyone interested in walking should register on April 7th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the UAH Charger Union; the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. (see attached flier)

Dr. Maria Pour asked for an update on the recent issues with Recruit and international graduate admissions. Dr. Hakkila explained that the team continues to troubleshoot the problems that have been brought to his attention. He also encouraged staff and faculty to email any specific problems, along with the respective detailed student information, to the graduate school at deangrad@uah.edu for more targeted assistance.

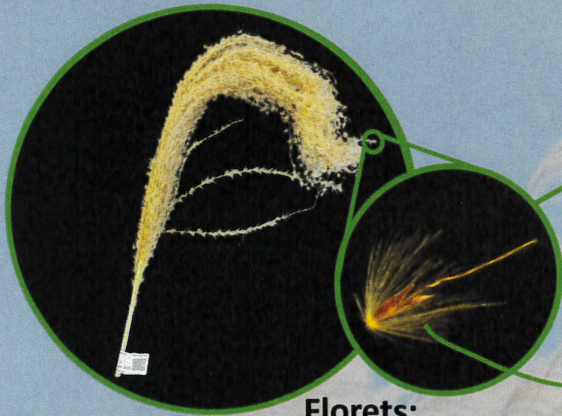
10. Reminder: Next Graduate Council Meeting - Friday, April 19, 2024, in SSB 201 @ 2:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

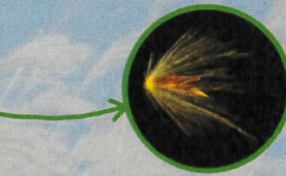
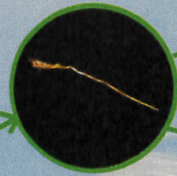
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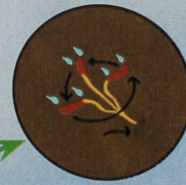


Florets:
individual flower
within a composite
flower head

Awns: stiff, bristle-like
floral structures found in
many grasses



Callus Hairs: fine, fluffy hairs
growing from the area at the
base of the floret



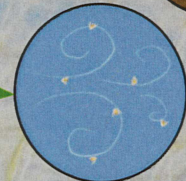
Burying



Crawling



Hitchhiking



Flying

A better crop for a greener future

March 8, 2024

UAH's JUMP program (Joint Undergraduate Master's Program) encourages exceptional undergraduate students to continue their education into UAH master's degree programs. By entering JUMP as undergraduates, students will have shorter total degree completion times and will reduce their costs of obtaining master's degrees.

Admission to JUMP:

- UAH undergraduates qualify for JUMP once they have earned 75 or more undergraduate hours. Typically, this means that a student will apply to the JUMP program in the semester in which they are earning their 75th undergraduate hour.
- Successful JUMP applicants must meet the GPA requirements in a defined JUMP pathway.
 - Most pathways require a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.75 (including all transfer coursework).
 - Other pathways require that the undergraduate student's GPA be at or above that of 75% of upperclassmen in the undergraduate department measured over the three previous years.
 - For Nursing: **The minimum GPA requirement is not applicable for JUMP programs in which the total combined undergraduate and graduate program equals or exceeds 150 credit hours. OR For the RN-BSN Nursing JUMP programs, the 75% minimum GPA will be determined from the GPA distribution of students admitted to the program measured over the three previous years.**

While in JUMP:

- JUMP pathways allow students to double-count as many as 12 graduate credit hours (based on pathway requirements) to both their undergraduate and graduate programs.
- JUMP courses must be approved by both the student's JUMP Launch advisor and JUMP Landing advisor (graduate). Changes may be submitted prior to graduation via an approved JUMP change form.
- Research and seminar courses cannot count as JUMP courses.
- Students must earn a grade of B or higher in a JUMP course in order for it to earn graduate credit.
- Students are considered to be undergraduate students until they have completed JUMP.
- JUMP students are not allowed to hold assistantships, graduate scholarships, or graduate fellowships until their undergraduate degrees have been completed.
- All coursework must be completed within six years of taking the first JUMP class.

Completing the JUMP pathway:

- Students will be admitted into their pathway graduate program upon successfully completing their JUMP courses, maintaining their minimum JUMP GPA, and signing a letter accepting their status as a graduate student. This letter will be sent to them by UAH Graduate Admissions when they have completed all undergraduate requirements.
 - Graduate programs may require additional application materials to accompany acceptance letter.
- Students who do not maintain the minimum JUMP GPA upon graduation, or who do not complete their coursework within the defined time period, or who do not meet any other pre-specified JUMP admissions criteria, will have to apply to the graduate program through the normal admissions process. These students cannot carry their JUMP graduate credits with them.
- A student can retain JUMP status for up to two (gap) years after graduation.

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UAH CAMPUS WALK

Sunday, April 7th

UAH Charger Union

Registration Opens: 1:00 PM

Walk Starts: 2:00 PM

Scan the QR code to register today!



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Prevention

