Graduate Directors Meeting

September 26, 2024

The Graduate Director's Meeting was held on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 3:00 pm in Close-Hipp Suite 583.

Present:  Danny Jenkins, Murray Mitchell, Dale Moore, Angelina Sylvain, Ann Vain

Due to the weather conditions, others joined via Teams.

Dean Ann Vail presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

## **Opening Remarks –Dean Vail**

- Systems Optimization Task Force
    - Led by Angelina Sylvain, Vice Dean & Tom Vrana, Executive Director of Enterprise Applications
        - Sam Beals – Graduate Student Services Manager in IC; came from A&S
        - Lisa Carter – CRM Manager & Systems Development Analyst in Nursing; came from Business
        - Julia Hodge, Ph.D. – Director of Recruitment and Engagement in Education; came from Undergrad Admissions (also CRM experience)
        - Bob Brookshire, Ph.D. – Acting Graduate Director in Engineering, Distinguished Professor Emeritus
        - Danny Jenkins, Ph.D. – Professor of Music Theory, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Public Music, and Experiential Learning, and Graduate Director
        - Elizabeth Orehovec, Assistant Vice President and Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions

## Enrollment

Fall 2024 enrollments is 4,040 master's students, 2,449 doctoral students, 1,824 professional students for a total of 8,316 graduate students.

Fall 2023 enrollment is 3,854 master's students, 2,444 doctoral students, and 1811 professional students for a total of 8,109 students.

## Fall 2025 applications

564 applications to date

## Graduate Expo 2024 – Dean Vail

- Thank all of you for your support of the Graduate Expo
- 417 students and 55 exhibitors participated
- Strong feed back that this was a successful event
- Graduate Expo online will be delivered through Blackboard for all remote students.

*USC Graduate Students Newsletter* launched in early September.  The Division of Communications and Marketing will lead the effort and collaborate with The Graduate School and other offices with relevant graduate student programming.

## Systems Optimization Task Force – Update (see attached presentation) Dean Sylvain

- Overview of Task Force charge and status
- Systems review and status
- Stakeholder engagement thus far
- Demo targets Initial system map

Meeting was Adjourned at 4:15 pm

Next Meeting: October 31, 2024, 3:00 – 5:00, Close-Hipp 584

Minutes by Cherrie Markey