

Graduate Council Membership Roster – Academic Year 2020-2021

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Bylaws (5)

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Stacy Creel – Chair	Stacy.Creel@usm.edu	Library and Information Science
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Robert “Bob” Smith	Bob.Smith@usm.edu	Accountancy

Assures that Council bylaws and operating documents are up-to-date and followed. Works to stagger current members for 1-3 year terms.

Credentials (5)

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Alan Shiller – Chair	Alan.Shiller@usm.edu	Ocean Science & Engineering – Stennis
Bikramjit Banerjee	Bikramjit.Banerjee@usm.edu	Computing Sciences & Computer Engineering
Kimberley Davis	Kimberely.Davis@usm.edu	Music
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Reviews faculty files in order to update status. Works with Dr. Masterson on integration into Digital Measures.

Policies & Procedures (5)

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Kyna Shelley	Kyna.Shelley@usm.edu	Education

Reviews and makes recommendations on policies – new and current in need of revision. Considers proposals related to defining emphasis areas, tracks, and concentrations.

Program Review (6)

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Steven Venette	Steven.Venette@usm.edu	Communication

Evaluates programs and emphasis areas on internal productivity metrics. Works to develop a planning/review process for programs that do not meet three-year graduation minimums. Works with Institutional Effectiveness to transition the oversight and review of program-level assessment to this committee.