

Graduate Council
GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES

Friday, August 28, 2020 • 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Members present: Paul Steimle, Greg Bell, Aaron Beveridge, Kelly Burke, Megan Carlton, Sarah Daynes, Tami Draves, Ben Dyson, Vidya Gargeya, Diane Gill, Courtney Harrington, Nancy Hoffart, Lexi Hoopman, Glenn Hudak, Brad Johnson, Dennis LaJeunesse, Jodi Pettazzoni, Neelofer Qadir, Naglaaa Rashwan,

I. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2020

Motion to approve April 24, 2020 minutes (Gargeya, Hoffart). Minutes Approved.

II. Report of the Chair – Paul Steimle

Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for serving on the Council. Self-introductions followed.

III. Report of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education – Kelly Burke

Dr. Burke advised enrollment numbers are up, student credit hour generation is up, more students are full time. The Graduate School provided several three credit scholarships to in-state students who would otherwise drop out. Allocations for spring recruitment will be shared with Deans and Associate Deans soon. Concerning possible budget cuts, Dr. Burke cautioned against cutting stipends.

Discussion concerning enrollment data, reports, and funding models.

The Graduate School worked over the summer to update course numbers in Graduate programs (created doctoral-level course numbers), all programs were updated administratively to reflect these new numbers, no curriculum was affected. A report to GCC to document the renumbering will be submitted after census.

As we go through this semester, if you need assistance to strategize on ways to look at your curriculum in a monetized fashion, contact Dr. Burke.

Paul Steimle was elected as Graduate Council Chair via electronic vote over the summer.

Dr. Burke advised a focus will be on clarity of handbooks. Ian will be working on style guides for the catalog and will request program SLOs which will be added to the catalog. Naglaa shared concerns of Graduate students and the importance of stipends.

IV. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee – Nancy Hoffart

- Correction to the Graduate Faculty Governance Document: *Graduate Curriculum Committee paragraph to read: The Dean of the Graduate School, and the Associate Dean of the Graduate School will also serve as non-voting members of this committee.*
- *GCC Information Items (from April 17, 2020 meeting)*

Committee met for the first-time last week. Continuing to work on QI project this fall, maybe into the spring. This will help with streamlining review process, improve some elements

Motion to correct language Graduate Faculty Governance Document (Graduate Curriculum Committee) (Hoffart, Hudak). Approved

V. Report of the Policies & Procedures Subcommittee – Ben Dyson

- Micro-Credentialing
- Guidelines for Theses and Dissertations (previously published materials in a dissertation)

Ben will call a meeting for the Policy Committee week.

Kelly advised the Department of Information Systems and Supply Chain Management has been offering stackable certificates for the last couple of years. There is a lot we can do in the interdisciplinary realm. The UCC is also looking at these.

Certificates remain a credential with the no less than nine credits.

Digital badging, a single class, skills oriented can constitute a badge. Not meant to be a firmly fleshed out policy. Digital badges can be used with LinkedIn, added to signatures, etc.

Suggestion that the topic of a graduate forum focus on the philosophical pros and cons of micro-credentialing.

Greg advised an ad hoc committee was assembled to look at Thesis and Dissertation guidelines. We now have a working document to present to policy committee. The guidelines make these standards more modern, present a minimum standard for departments. The guidelines will go to the Policy Committee for review and then to the Graduate Council.

VI. Report of the Student Affairs Subcommittee – No report.

VII. Faculty Senate Executive Committee – Vidya Gargeya

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee held a retreat August 7. The Executive Committee is focusing on Annual Reviews, the Provost is currently reviewing this.