

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM, 14 October, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 941 3044 7364

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Welcome and Attendance:

Business:	Julie Petherbridge; Vijaya Subrahmanyam; Jeremy Bennett	Libraries:	Kim Eccles
Education:	Loleta Sartin; Susie Morrissey	International Programs:	Julie Strecker
Engineering:	Laura Lackey; Sinjae Hyun; Jennifer Goode; Stephen Hill	CMC Systems Advisory Committee:	Sarah May
Health Professions:	Caroline Brackette; Nannette Turner	Institutional Effectiveness:	Kelly McMichael
Law:	Karen Sneddon; Steve Johnson	Institutional Research:	
Medicine:		Registrar:	Alba Rodriquez-Mitchell; Dianna Hill; Sarah McCommon, Lashunda Walker; Paul McCord
Music:	Richard Kosowski	Bursar:	Jessica Ellison
Nursing:	Omolara Fyle-Thorp; Tammy Barbe; Humberto Reinoso	Financial Planning:	Marie Hammett
Pharmacy:	Susan Miller; Joel Phil Bowen	Distance Learning:	
Professional Advancement:	Priscilla Danheiser; Colleen Stapleton; Tyler Wilkinson; Feng Liu; Tri Le	Provost Office:	Keith Howard; Lisa Snow
Theology:	Rob Nash		

Approval of Minutes

Graduate Council Meeting, 18 March 2021 minutes. Action: Approved

Update on Forms and Addenda – Keith Howard

Changes to curriculum proposal submission processes fy 2021-2022 were highlighted by Dr. Howard. The full document was shared with all via OneDrive.

Academic Proposals – One Drive --> Oct14

BUS – Jeremy Bennett

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
M.Acc.	Program Change Delivery	Delivery proposed: Face-to face and online. Online began during the pandemic. After discussion, decision was made to table proposal today.	Tabled
MSIB	New Program	The proposed M.S. in Integrative Business program is designed to offer a tailored graduate business education that provides students with opportunities to blend two or more areas of expertise. If program name changes, decision made to update graduate council as point of information – no vote required.	Approved
BDA; DEI; ENT; BFT; HMA; WIL	New Program Certificates	All proposed business school certificates were rolled into one discussion/vote. All certificates are 12 credit hours and carry the same rate. DL requested to continue additional conversations concerning certificates.	Approved

CPV – Tyler Wilkinson

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
M.S. DML	New Program Course Change	The College of Professional Advancement and Engineering School will discuss proposal and CoPA will resubmit during spring graduate council meeting.	Tabled
M.S. HSRV	Program Change Course Change	Program name change to Human Services Administration. Remove current degree concentrations and replace with advisor-directed electives. Add a special topics course.	Approved

EGR – Steven Hill

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
M.S.E EVE, M.S. EVS	Program Change Course Change	All EGR proposals linked together. ECV prefix- combines the course prefixes for Environmental Engineering and Civil Engineering into one combined prefix.	Approved
M.S.E CVE,	Program Change Course Change		

MED – A. Montgomery & B. Liam

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
Ph.D. RH	Program Change	Howard presented for Med School. Medical School proposes to promote a dual track admissions process, where, once accepted, students would have two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for the Research Assistantship PhD Track consisting of a tuition waiver, \$25,000 stipend, and “Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center” (GRHIC)-directed research experience during 20 hours per week. Apply for the Alternative PhD Track: no GRHIC-research responsibilities, tuition waiver, or accompanying stipend. Requires changes to the website and admission forms. No changes required in catalog.	Approved

NUR – T. Barbe

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
BSN-Ph.D.	New Program Course Change	The proposal adds a new pathway to the PhD in Nursing for individuals with a BSN. Currently, the College of Nursing only accepts MSN-prepared nurses into the PhD program. There is a growing trend in PhD in nursing programs to mitigate the nursing faculty shortage by offering a BSN-PhD option.	Approved
M.S.N-Ph.D.	Program Change	Proposal adds “holistic admissions review” to the MSN and DNP admission requirements sections.	Approved
Ph.D	Program Change	The PhD faculty reviewed the general expectations of PhD education including higher academic standards compared to BSN, MSN, or DNP degrees. Specifically, PhD students are generally not allowed to progress with a grade of C. The PhD faculty propose to allow one Unsatisfactory grade in NUR 815 prior to academic dismissal. With this revised policy, one Unsatisfactory will be allowed in NUR 815. This revised policy is consistent with peer PhD in Nursing institutions. In addition, minor editorial changes were also made to the sections Graduate Academic Status through Students Not in Good Standing to improve clarity.	Approved

THE – R. Nash

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
M.A. CM	Program Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose to replace the requirement of either THET 500 or THET 501 to a requirement of THET 500. THET 501 shall remain as an elective. • Propose to replace the requirement of either THPT 701 (3CH) and THPT 702 (3CH) or THPT 702 (6CH) to a requirement of 3CH of internship fulfilled through THPT 701, 702, or 703 and an additional 3CH elective. <p>The Combined Degree with MS in Organizational Leadership (Non-Profit) will not change.</p>	Approved

No Other Business – Keith Howard

Adjournment – 4:13 pm