



## GRADUATE COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Meeting Held February 20, 2024

*Present:* Dean Kosteas, Professors Ayaburi, Yilmaz, Sun, Pourdavood, Rauschert, Slifkin, and Jenkins; Amulya Sunitha Ramananda (for Shail Sheth)

*Guests:* Beth Ekelman, Robin Chilton, Brian Yusko, Rebecca Odom-Bartel, Anne Galetta, R. Clayton Wukich, Joanna DeMarco, and Debbie Jackson

Dean Kosteas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approve Agenda – **The agenda was approved.**

2. Approve Minutes

a. January 24, 2024 – **The minutes were approved.**

3. New Business

a. Curriculog proposals

• **Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program Admissions Additions and Changes - 1110 - Fall 24 – Program alteration (no curricular content)**

- Adding admission pathways to the Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program: Freshman pathway and Junior pathway.
  - a. If admitted as Freshman, they must complete the pre-OT track offered by the Department of Health Sciences and Human Performance (HSHP).
  - b. If admitted as Juniors, they must complete the pre-OT track, general interest track, or exercise science majors offered by HSHP.
  - c. Students admitted into the OTD program as freshman or juniors must meet all the admissions requirements of the program upon completing their undergraduate degree from CSU unless otherwise provisionally accepted. They must also adhere to the agreed upon timeline for degree completion as declared in their graduation plans.
- Adding ability of students applying for admission as juniors, seniors, or post-bac to petition for reconsideration if overall GPA is between a 2.75 and below a 3.0. If students is admitted into the program under this provision, they will be admitted provisionally into the OTD program. This means they must earn a GPA of 3.0 their first semester into the OTD program or they will be dismissed automatically. The condition of provisional acceptance will be removed if they earn a GPA of 3.0 or above during their first semester in the program.
- Requiring 1 of the science prerequisites to be completed at the time of application rather than 2.
- **Approved**

- **Occupational and Physical Therapy in the Schools, Graduate Certificate - 1090 - Spring 24 – Program change**
  - Edited credit hour range for completion of certificate (due to difference in credit hours for OT & PT students) and updated/edited elective course options and course numbers.
  - **Approved**
- **Applied Communication Theory and Methodology, MACTM - 1110 - Fall 24 – Program change**
  - Replace the GRE requirement from MA admission requirement with minimum undergraduate GPA 3.0
  - **Approved**
- **Computer Science Teacher Education Endorsement - 1110 - Fall 24 – New certificate**
  - This proposal is describing a new graduate Computer Science Education Endorsement Program through the Teacher Education Department. It is in response to the Teach CS grant program developed by the state of Ohio. The program is following the regular graduate admission rules
  - **Conditionally approved – edits requested**
- **Program Evaluation in Educational and Youth-Serving Organizations, Graduate Certificate - 1110 - Fall 24 – Program change**
  - The current certificate includes a choice between one 4-credit course, or BOTH a 2-credit course and a 3-credit course. This makes the overall number of credits for the certificate 12-13, depending on the choice made. The 4-credit course is moving to 3 credits, so the choice will be modified. Everyone will be required to take the 2-credit course and the choice will be between two 3-credit courses. This will make the credit hours consistent for everyone: 13 credits.
  - **Approved**
- **Urban Studies, MS - 1110 - Fall 24 – Program change**
  - Note this graduate program includes two tracks: urban studies and diversity leadership & change management.
  - Update curriculum as listed in the schema below.
    - a. Eliminate specializations for the urban studies and diversity management tracks and replace with list of electives.
    - b. Change required credit hours from 35-38 to 39.
  - **Approved**
- **Health Sciences, Accelerated Master's BS/MPH - 1110 - Fall 24 – Program change**
  - Modify the number of graduate credit hours that may be completed during the undergraduate portion of the program from 12 credits to 9 credits to be in compliance with the state.
  - **Conditionally approved – edits requested**

- **Health Sciences, Accelerated Master's BS/MS - 1110 - Fall 24 – Program change**

- In response to state requirement to reduce the number of credits that can be double counted (both Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences [BSHS] and Master of Science in Health Sciences [MSHS]) towards degree completion from 12 down to 9. This proposal removes 3 credits of grad work from the 4th year of undergraduate and moves it to the 5th year of the accelerated program (graduate).
- This also updates the area of emphasis options the students have - in association with another program change going through to modify the MSHS.
- **Approved**

- b. Courses in Curriculog for approval

- CIS 690, UST 575, UST 604, UST 616, UST 704, UST 716, UST 802, UST 810, UST 500, UST 510, UST 551, UST 560, UST 579, UST 581, UST 610, UST 617, UST 662, UST 762 - **Approved**
- ACT 553, ENG 509, EST 520, EST 521, EST 522, EST 523 - **Conditionally Approved - Routed back to originators with requested revisions.**

#### 4. Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees

- a. There were no update reports to allow time for curriculum proposals and discussion items.

#### 5. Discussion/action items

- a. Policies on TA assignments and GA allocation (see attached).
- b. Updating graduate faculty membership criteria/procedures
  - Ensuring level 1 criteria are at least as rigorous as standard research expectations for workload
  - Procedures for PT/adjunct faculty
- c. Inclusive access textbook initiative – Debbie Jackson came to speak on this topic
  - All students would pay a flat fee as part of tuition and have book access on the first day of classes (E-text)
  - Students can opt-out
  - If CSU decides on this initiative, state approval would be needed
  - Many questions to ask and still be answered by Follett
  - GC Members asked if programs could opt out? How would this work for masters and doctoral students?

#### 6. Updates/Announcements

#### 7. Items for future discussion – None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**All materials for review before the meeting are available on the University Curriculog web site for access by Council Members.** (<https://csuohio.curriculog.com/proposals>)