



## GRADUATE COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Meeting Held November 15, 2023

*Present:* Dean Kosteas, Professors Liu, Wukich, Gatica, Sathish Kumar, Medina-Rivera, Rauschert, Slifkin, Kozlowski-Gibson, Guiffre, Jenkins, and Whitbred; Kevin Neal, Shail Sheth

*Guests:* Richard Molina, Sueji Weldon

Dean Kosteas called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

2. Approve Minutes

a. October 18, 2023 – **The minutes were approved.**

3. New Business

a. Curriculog proposals

- **Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance (GRC), Graduate Certificate - 1110 - Fall 24 – Program change**

- In order to earn the Certificate, students must complete two required courses and select two electives from a menu of approved courses. This proposal adds ACT 588 as an additional elective to that menu of approved courses.

- **Approved**

b. Courses in Curriculog for approval

- **ACT 555, ACT 565, ACT 632, ESC 650, ESC 651, PSY 520 – Conditionally Approved; Routed back to originators with requested revisions.**

4. **Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees** --- Available reports

a. Faculty Senate

- Discussions related to Grey & Associates

b. University Admissions & Standards

- Satish Kumar agree to be the Graduate Council Representative to A&S

c. University Curriculum Committee – GC Representative still needed

d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee

e. Petitions Committee

f. Grade Dispute Committee

g. Program Review Committee

h. University Research Council Committee

- Budget cuts and research grants discussion

i. Graduate Student Awards Committee

j. Ad Hoc Committee for Graduate Faculty Review

## 5. Discussion/action items

### a. Graduate Assistants

- Health Insurance (see attachment)
  - Policy this year is to require full-time GA contracts for doctoral students to also cover the health insurance premium if the student purchases the student health insurance.
  - Other options:
    - a. Pay part of the premium- this is consistent with what some of our peer institutions' policies.
    - b. Extend to master's students as well- this would be very expensive.
  - Dean Kosteas to return with a proposal to cover health insurance for doctoral students.
- Minimum stipends (see attachment)
  - Current minimums: <https://graduate-studies.csuohio.edu/current-students/minimum-stipend-levels>
  - Have not raised the minimums in several years
  - Do we increase the minimum? Increase the GA offers (hire more)?
  - Dean Kosteas to return with a proposal to share/discussion.
- Template for GA offer letters (see UConn template attached as an example)
  - Distribute the template this year as a guideline for offer letters along with best practices in making funding offers
  - Investigate running the offer letters through Slate
    - a. Students can accept offers through the system
    - b. We can gather and analyze data and prepare reports on number of offers made, acceptance rates, characteristics of students receiving/accepting offers.

### b. 3-year degrees

- Propose following a model similar to Purdue- Fort Wayne and Kent State, where we would accept 3 year degrees from Europe (the [Bologna Process](#)) and 3 year degrees from India that meet the credentialing agency [WES criteria for equivalence](#). More information on what schools qualify within [NAAC](#) here.
- Current catalog language
 

*Academic: Baccalaureate degrees earned outside the U.S. must be equivalent to baccalaureate degrees earned in the U.S.*

### c. Course repeat/grade forgiveness – see draft policy

- What about special topics courses? Must be same topic to count as a repeat course.
- Should the repeat course apply to the degree or graduate record? Graduate Record.
- Do we want to allow all grades to be repeated? Or just B-, C, or F because those grades result in dismissal?
- Earlier grade remains on the transcript. Second attempt/course repeat is what would count for GPA and credit.



**6. Updates/Announcements**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 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>)**