

GRADUATE COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting Held October 18, 2022

*Present:* Interim Dean Bond, Executive Associate Dean Kosteas, Professors Porter, Sun, Bayachou, Medina-Rivera, Rauschert, Slifkin, Ekelman, Kozlowski-Gibson, Resnick, and Whitbred; Stephanie Ash

*Guests:* Michael Hollenbaugh, Veronica Hill, Brian Yusko

Interim Dean Bond called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

**2. Approve Minutes**

- a. September 21, 2022 – **The minutes were approved**

**3. New Business**

- a. Curriculog proposals

• **Business, MBA - Program change**

- The new MBA program that was recently launched allows students to achieve a specialization in a particular area of business by taking 9 credit hours of electives in the area. This proposal aims to establish two finance specializations to provide in-depth training to students interested in either investment or real estate area.

- **The proposal was approved**

• **Counseling, School, M.Ed. – Program change**

- CACREP, the national accrediting body, is requiring an increase in credit hours from 48 to 60.

- **The proposal was conditionally approved – requesting catalog edits sent to the originator and Brian Yusko**

- b. Courses in Curriculog for approval

- FIN 601, FIN 606, FIN 610, FIN 612, FIN 621, OSM 622, OSM 624

- **The courses were approved**

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

- a. Faculty Senate

- b. University Admissions & Standards

- c. University Curriculum Committee

- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee

- Deadline is October 19, 2022 for FA22 applications

- Graduate Faculty Status was discussed with members of CCGS – Bill Kosteas will gather information and present to Council in the future. Option: Part-time faculty – review by Dean of College; Full-time faculty – review by Grad Faculty Review Committee

- e. Petitions Committee

- f. Grade Dispute Committee

- g. Program Review Committee

- h. University Research Council Committee
  - URCC would like two reps from each college
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee
  - Email notice going out to all graduate students regarding the awards
  - Categories were changed to: Creative Scholarship, Master’s Research, Doctoral Research, Teaching, and Engagement and Social Advocacy
  - We are asking faculty to be ambassadors to promote the awards program and encourage students to apply

## 5. Discussion items

- a. GRE/GMAT requirements
  - Waiver currently through summer 2024 (excludes doctoral programs).
  - Set default to no GRE/GMAT requirement for master’s programs. Programs wanting to include GRE or GMAT scores must submit a proposal to add test requirements.
  - The trend is away from using the GRE or making it test optional; there is a competitive disadvantage in using the GRE.
  - Requiring a petition for program to include GRE/GMAT scores could cause adversity.
  - Other option is to revert to pre-pandemic use of the GRE/GMAT which is the current catalog language.
  - Council members to discuss the options with their units and will bring this discussion back to the next meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- b. GA with scholarship and minimum credit hour coverage
  - GA contracts with a scholarship require the student to enroll in 9 CH. Practice has been to require the department to cover at least 9 CH of tuition.
  - The topic was discussed at CCGS meeting and there are many different practices, some with no distinction for full-time and part-time
  - Proposed catalog changes:

## TERMS OF ASSISTANTSHIPS

2 . Full-time GA’s with scholarship must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 graduate credits per semester in Fall and Spring. GA’s without scholarship must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 graduate credits per semester in Fall and Spring. Students do not need to be enrolled in the summer to receive summer funding.

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6. Graduate assistantships with scholarship include a stipend and a scholarship for 10, 15, or 20 hours of service per week. The minimum stipends in effect will remain. Programs can exceed these minimums. Students receiving a GA with scholarship **and working 15 or 20 hours per week** must remain enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester, **while those working 10 hours per week must remain enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester**. Graduate assistantships without scholarship include a stipend only (no scholarship) for 5, 10, 15, or 20 hours of service per week. The minimum stipends in effect will apply to this assistantship, including a 5 hour of service per week option. Students receiving a GA without scholarship must remain enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester. Students holding a twenty-hour assistantship may not hold any other form of employment, within either the University or off-campus, without receiving prior written approval from the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

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9. **Graduate assistants providing 15 or 20 hours of service per week must maintain a nine credit-hour minimum registration at, or above, the 500 level during the contract period for the academic term specified. Graduate assistants providing 10 hours of service per week must maintain a six credit-hour minimum registration at, or above, the 500 level during the contract period for the academic term specified.** Courses taken on an audit basis do not qualify in meeting the credit-hour minimum registration requirement. To waive the minimum registration requirement requires the written approval of the Dean of the

College of Graduate Studies. Assistantship contracts are subject to cancellation if students do not maintain the minimum registration requirement. Prior approval by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies is required for contracts for more than sixteen credit hours per term.

**The changes were approved**

- c. Allow transfer credit for courses normally graded on P/F basis.
  - Current catalog text: “All credits requested for transfer must carry a letter grade of A, A-, B+, or B in graduate courses. No S/F graded courses may be transferred. Petitions are not considered for an exemption from this requirement.”
  - Proposed catalog text: “**Normally, credits requested for transfer must carry a letter grade of A, A-, B+, or B in graduate courses. Generally, S/F graded courses may not be transferred. Programs may petition the Graduate Dean for an exemption from this requirement in cases where the courses being transferred are normally graded S/F.**”
  - **Proposed catalog text was approved**

**6. Updates/Announcements**

- a. The College of Graduate Studies will be hosting a Graduate Networking Social on November 16, 2022 at 5:30-7:30 pm in the Student Center Atrium.
  - We are asking Associate Deans for navigators from the colleges
  - Please speak with departments to see if they have suggestions for the event
- b. College of Graduate Studies has a new employee – Kyle Reynolds, Graduate Student Success Coordinator. He will be helping with programming and various other items.

**7. Items for future discussion - none**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.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>)