

GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held September 21, 2022

Present: Interim Dean Bond, Executive Associate Dean Kosteas, Professors Shen, Wukich, Kumar, Sun, Medina-Rivera, Rauschert, Slifkin, Kozlowski-Gibson, and Whitbred; Stephanie Ash

Guests: Michael Hollenbaugh, Veronica Hill

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

1. Approve Agenda – The agenda was approved

2. Approve Minutes

- a. April 19, 2022 – **The minutes were approved**

3. New Business

- a. Curriculog proposals
- Applied Social Research, MA -Program change
 - There are two main issues that this proposal (and associated proposals) address:
 - a. eliminating the GRE requirement
 - b. streamlining the MA project and associated practicum (SOC 695) or internship (SOC 690) by reducing them from 6.0 to 3.0 credits each.
 - **The proposal was approved**
 - MSW Program - Application Change/No curricular content
 - Changing number of required reference letters to apply for the MSW (Master in Social Work) program, from three to two required reference letters.
 - **The proposal was approved**
 - A question was posed if there might be streamlining options for proposals with no curricular content (such as this one). Bill Kosteas will reach out to UCC to inquire.
- b. Courses in Curriculog for approval
- SOC 690; SOC 695
 - **The courses were approved**
- c. Graduate Council Representatives on University Committees
- Admissions and Standards Committee 2022-2024 – **there were no volunteers**
 - University Curriculum Committee 2022-2023 – **there were no volunteers**
 - University Research Committee 2022-2023 – **Maria Koslowski-Gibson volunteered**

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

- a. Faculty Senate
- CSU Global partnership was discussed – expansion to other programs and other geographical areas for recruitment
- b. University Admissions & Standards
- c. University Curriculum Committee

- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
 - SU22 Applicants reviewed by the Committee
 - Recommendations were Approved**
- e. Petitions Committee
 - 60 reviewed over the summer (many international)
- f. Grade Dispute Committee
 - One is forthcoming
- g. Program Review Committee
 - Most programs originally scheduled for review will not be reviewed this year
- h. University Research Council Committee – no report
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee
 - Revision of the award categories is to be considered

5. Discussion items

- a. Update grad faculty membership requirements (Fall 2022)
 - We need to review/update the guidelines – currently operating under old guidelines
 - The colleges will be responsible for establishing new guidelines
 - Newly formed colleges will have new by-laws by next year/SP23 – suggest seeking revised graduate faculty guidelines at that time
 - It is challenging to judge the quality of publications – how do we define top journals/those that are not?
 - Consider structural racism that may effect people of color and their ability to publish in top journals
- b. GRE requirements
 - Waiver currently through summer 2024 (excludes doctoral programs).
 - Two options were discussed:
 - Extend waiver another academic year
 - Set default to no GRE requirement and have programs make a proposal to add test requirements.
 - Change to no GRE would make us more competitive and in pace with other institutions. Bill Kosteas offered those interested in further discussion and putting together options for the next meeting to email him.
- c. 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.
 - Consider changing the policy so that half-time GA assignments (10 hours of work per week) only require covering 6 CH of tuition.
 - There is merit in providing opportunity to students who would not normally qualify because they have a full-time job or other responsibility.
 - For some departments this may be a good option because they have part-time students.
 - Some full-time students are against this proposal.
- d. Allow transfer credit for courses normally graded on P/F basis.
 - May apply to clinical or practicum courses.
 - Limits on credit hours transferred still apply.

- 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.”
- A few options were discussed
 - Leave the policy as is
 - Allow the program/department to make the decision as part of the admission process
 - Make it petitionable – direct to the Dean’s office and by-pass the committee (to expedite)
 - a. program could petition the Dean’s office
 - b. quick response and accommodation will be key to encourage new students

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. There will be another event in the spring as well.

7. Items for future discussion - none

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 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>)