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GRADUATE COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Meeting Held February 25, 2021 via Zoom**

*Present:* Dean Holcomb, Associate Dean Kosteas, Professors Porter, Smith, Andrei, Kim, Lee, Forte, Kumar, Sun, Carnell, Sola, Matcham, Bayachou, Weyman, Hatch, Hamlen Mansour, Zhou, DeBoth, Kevin Neal, Diane Kolosionek

*Guest:* Amanda Yurick

Dean Holcomb called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. **Approve Agenda** – The meeting agenda was **approved with a change**  
(add **Master of Healthcare Management** to discussion items)
2. **Approve Minutes**
  - a. January 25, 2021 – The minutes were **approved**.
3. **New Business**
  - a. Curriculog Proposals
    - **Special Education (with licensure), M.Ed.** – program change
      - Propose the option of taking either ECE 515 OR ECE 517 instead of specifying one or the other. Currently students do not have the choice between these two courses and must only take ECE 515.
      - **Approved with conditions – per Kevin Neal needs some corrections**
  - b. Courses in Curriculog for approval
    - **One Approved, Four Rejected (per recommendations from Associate Dean Kosteas) to be re-routed back to Grad Council when requested edits are complete**
    - Council members concluded further discussion may be needed to provide some guidance for differentiation between undergraduate and graduate, as well as masters and doctoral level courses.
4. **Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees** --- Available reports
  - a. Faculty Senate
    - Discussion about how the Senate vote will take place as the advisory vote to whatever restructuring happens
  - b. University Admissions & Standards
    - Jose Sola has agreed to be Chair
    - GRE/GMAT waiver was approved for Spring and Summer 2022 – conditional based on Graduate Council vote
  - c. University Curriculum Committee
    - Proposals passed with no issues

- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
  - How do we take into account disruptions to research outlets due to the pandemic
  - The Provost has offered an extension for tenure and promotion. It was agreed we should follow the Provost and offer an extension for Graduate Faculty Status.
- e. Petitions Committee
- f. Grade Dispute Committee
  - David Topor recommended to replace Ping Deng – **Approved**
- g. Program Review Committee
  - All visits are complete and waiting on the last report
- h. University Research Council Committee
  - Assigned all internal funding proposals and will review by end of March
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee
  - 3MT submissions have declined over the years
  - Would like to offer training to graduate students to help them build needed skills

## 5. Discussion items

- a. Spring and Summer 2022 GRE waiver – **Approved with verbiage: *strongly encouraged but not required*** to submit official GRE/GMAT results for their admission application.
  - Is the GRE/GMAT requirement impacting the quality of students and impacting the way students are succeeding in the program or not; Or is it a hurdle that is costing the students money before they come here and it really does not matter
  - A graduate admissions profile would be relevant to this analysis but it may take time
- b. Changes to graduate admissions (see attachment)
  - Conditional admission – students with GPA below 2.75 must earn 3.0 within first 9 or 12 hours of coursework, eligible for financial aid, included in program instead of non-degree so better relationship and better tracking
  - Provisional admission – students can provide/upload transcripts for admission application, can register and provide official transcripts within first semester.
  - It can give more flexibility to the programs who wish to use these options
- c. T grades for thesis/dissertation courses
  - Dean Holcomb and Associate Dean Kostas met with the Graduate Deans of Bowling Green and Wright State. Both schools had a progress grade similar to the T grade and have moved to use of S/U or regular grades. They feel it has had a positive impact on the graduate programs because it is helping reinforce the idea that thesis advisors have conversations with their students about what their research is going to entail during the semester.
  - The members discussed various options including use of I/Incomplete and S/U grades, grade changes and a late withdraw petition. Exceptions could be made at the graduate level.
- d. Master of Healthcare Management
  - Nursing administration was unhappy to learn Graduate Council approved this proposal and it moved on to University Curriculum Committee, as they were told nothing can now be changed.
  - Dean Holcomb said, and Kevin Neal confirmed, UCC does have the ability to reject a proposal which prevents it from moving on to Faculty Senate.

- There is concern this will compete with the masters and DNP programs, as well as School of Nursing courses. The School of Nursing was never consulted or asked for an impact statement.
- The focus of this program is the business side of healthcare management, not clinical
- The only other program like this in the area is at CWRU and it is more expensive and the delivery is not online.
- This is why we have representatives from all the colleges/schools in these bodies and all the steps of approval. It will also have to go to CCGS/Chancellors Council of Graduate Studies for comment and approval by the other colleges and universities in Ohio.

## 6. Announcements

## 7. Items for future discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

The next Graduate Council meeting is Monday, April 19, 2021 at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**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>)