

GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held January 25, 2022 via Zoom

Present: Dean Holcomb, Associate Dean Kosteas, Professors Porter, Smith, Pourdavood, Jenkins, Forte, Kumar, Sun, Matcham, Wendland, Bayachou, Weyman, Wukich, Resnick, and Hamlen Mansour; Kevin Neal, Diane Kolosionek, Xiaobo He

Guests: Haodong Wang, Timothy DeGroot, Linda Quinn, Anne Galletta, Brian Yusko, Eric Allard, Nicholas Zingale

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

1. **Approve Agenda** – The meeting agenda was amended to add a vote by Council to elect a one-semester replacement for Julia Phillips who is on sabbatical - **Approved**
2. **Approve Minutes**
 - a. November 30, 2021 – The minutes were **approved**
3. **New Business**
 - a. Curriculog proposals
 - **Adding Statement of Purpose as New Admissions Requirement (Master of Arts in Environmental Studies)** – New requirement
 - The MAES program housed in the Levin College requests to add a statement of purpose as an admission requirement. No curricular changes are involved.
 - **The proposal was approved**
 - **Cybersecurity Graduate Certificate Program** – New certificate
 - This program is designed to those trying to expand the knowledge and skills in cybersecurity, either from academia or industry. The certificate can give the future cybersecurity pros early jump-starts on their careers or provide a deeper insight into the information security. Housed in Washkewicz College of Engineering, the program offers a rigorous curriculum that not only covers the cybersecurity fundamentals, threats and approaches, but also provides the practical security skills from legal and business perspectives.
 - **The proposal was approved**
 - **Entrepreneurship, Graduate Certificate** – Program change
 - Modify the Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship to reflect the state of the art which will better serve the needs and desires by all stakeholders.
 - **The proposal was approved**
 - **Health Care Administration, MBA** – Program deactivation
 - **The proposal was approved**
 - **Sport and Entertainment Management** – New certificate
 - Sport Management Certificate offered as an MBA specialization.
 - **The proposal was approved**

- **Master of Science in Statistics and Analytics** – New program
 - This MS program is a revisioning of our Applied Statistics specialization within the MS in Mathematics. This proposal creates a new MS degree in Statistics and Analytics with three specialization tracks: Applied Statistics, Data Analytics, and Biostatistics.
 - This degree will be a separate degree from the MS in mathematics and will replace the specialization in applied statistics. This has several advantages:
 - a. It will allow the program to be directly competitive with statistics graduate programs at other Universities,
 - b. It will be more visible and discoverable when students search for statistics, data analytics, or biostatistics.
 - c. It will be able to be completed in an accelerated full-time two semesters or can be completed in a longer time frame.
 - d. The accelerated format will be at a cost savings to students
 - **The proposal was approved**
- **Psychological Science, Accelerated 4+1 BA/MA** – Program change
 - Change in admissions requirements prior to students applying AND enrolling in the Psychological Science 4+1 BA/MA program.
 - **The proposal was approved**
- **Program Evaluation in Educational and Youth-Serving Organizations** – New certificate
 - This proposal is for the creation of a graduate certificate in program evaluation in educational and youth-serving organizations. It will fit with the Master's in Curriculum & Instruction, in the Research and Assessment track because many of the courses overlap. Students could potentially earn the master's and certificate at the same time. No new courses will be created for this certificate. This is being created in response to the needs being demonstrated by our current students in the master's program and in the data-based decision-making certificate.
 - **The proposal was approved**
- **Research and Assessment in Education and Human Services** – Program change
 - Remove EDB 575 and EDB 701 from program of study because these courses are no longer offered.
 - Modify the credits for EDU 715 from 4 to 2 (see related course proposal for modification of EDU 715)
 - Add EDU 701 as a specialization course (see related course proposal for creation of EDU 701)
 - Change the language for specialization courses to require "at least 6 credits" instead of "at least two courses."
 - Add the new graduate certificate to the program of study since they can be earned in conjunction (see related proposal for creation of Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation in Educational and Youth-Serving Organizations)
 - **The proposal was approved**

- **Urban Education, Ph.D.** – Program change
 - Propose change of current program requirements for all specializations in the PhD in Urban Education program as follows:
 - a. Add EDU 701 for 2 credits (to be taken in the summer after the first year of the program)
 - b. Add EDU 714 to the program of study for 2 credits (choice between EDU 715 and EDU 714)
 - c. Change credits for EDU 715 from 4 to 2; there is now a choice between EDU 715 and EDU 714 (to be taken in the summer after the second year of the program).
 - Second, change list of courses for Policy Studies specialization only - students choose two courses from a list of courses: a) change of course title/descriptions for EDB 604 and EDB 608 and b) add new course EDB 610 to the list, consistent with course modification and course addition proposals from the Curriculum and Foundations Department
 - **The proposal was approved**
- **Society 5.0: Technology, Innovation, Equity, and the Future of Humanity Certificate** – New Certificate
 - Proposal to create a new graduate certificate program with 4 courses (10-13 credit hours). It would be predominantly housed in the Department of Urban Studies, coordinated by the CSU T.E.C.H. Hub, and available to all graduate students across CSU and to non-degree seeking students upon admission to the program.
 - **The proposal was approved = 1 opposed, 13 approved**
 - **The suggestion was made by Grad Council members to consider a name change for the certificate and included in the comments section of the proposal.**
- **Urban Planning and Development, MUPD** – Program change
 - Proposal to add a specialization in Transportation Planning. We are partnering with the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering to offer four courses (12 credits) which will constitute the specialization. The courses include CVE 546, CVE 544, CVE 541, and CVE 542.
 - **The proposal was approved**

b. Courses in Curriculog for approval

- CIS 572, CIS 673, DPT 775, EDB 604, EDB 608, EDB 610, EDU 701, EDU 714, EDU 715, ENT 643, ENT 693, SOC 530, STA 500, STA 635, UST 686, UST 688
- **The courses listed were approved: 1 opposed; 1 abstained; 13 approved**

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

- a. Faculty Senate
- b. University Admissions & Standards
 - Approved the change in the graduate grade dispute procedure
 - Approved the change allowing 4+1 students to register for graduate level classes within three semesters (including summer) after completing the bachelor's degree requirements
 - Approved a grade dispute
- c. University Curriculum Committee – no update
- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
 - Notice went out today to those who have graduate faculty status expiring at the end of spring semester
 - Reminder that faculty retiring may still serve on thesis/dissertation committees as long as they have current graduate faculty status
- e. Petitions Committee
 - In between FA21 and SP22 semesters approximately 50 petitions were submitted for early readmission and had to be processed prior to the start of spring semester – this was related to the large number of dismissals
 - The College of Graduate Studies preliminary dismissed around 200 students – in comparison around 60 students were dismissed in FA19. Factors contributing to this large number: pass/fail used previously was no longer an option, poor performance in first semester for some graduate programs
 - The question was asked how many of the dismissals were from Shorelight: 137 of the dismissals were international students
 - The international student petitions for readmission had to be processed quickly since dismissal would require they leave the country
- f. Grade Dispute Committee – none currently
- g. Program Review Committee
 - Program reviews to begin with Chemistry next week
- h. University Research Council Committee – no update
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee
 - Application deadline has passed, and we received about three dozen applications
 - Review of the materials should begin soon

5. Discussion items

- a. Clarify language for provisional admission category
 - Current: Applicants may be considered for provisional admission with a baccalaureate GPA less than 2.75 but at least 2.25.
 - Proposed: **Applicants may be considered for provisional admission with a baccalaureate GPA of at least 2.25 but less than either 2.75 or the program's minimum GPA requirement.**
 - **The proposed language was approved**

6. Updates/Announcements - none

7. Items for future discussion - none

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 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>)