

GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held March 23, 2022 via Zoom

Present: Dean Holcomb, Professors Porter, Smith, King-White, Pourdavood, Forte, Kumar, Sotiropoulos, Sun, Wendland, Bayachou, Weyman, Wukich, and Hamlen Mansour; Kevin Neal, Xiaobo He

Guests: Phuong Ngo

Dean Holcomb called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approve Agenda – The agenda was approved

2. Approve Minutes

- a. February 23, 2022 – **The minutes were approved**

3. New Business

- a. Curriculog proposals

• **Certificate in Applied Econometrics and Forecasting - Fall 22 – New Certificate**

- 4-course certificate.

a. Required: ECN 622-Econometrics; ECN 625-Time Series Econometrics

b. Plus students choose 2 of 3 from: ECN 627-Applied Economic Analysis I; ECN 628-Applied Economic Analysis II; ECN 541-Business Cycle Fluctuations and Forecasting

The proposal was approved

- b. Courses in Curriculog for approval

- ADM 774; CNS 622; MTH 535

The courses listed were approved

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

- a. Faculty Senate

- The senator elections are underway and need to be complete by April 1st so the election for the Senate President can take place. The realignment has made it challenging.
- Some colleges and departments are struggling with the pace and implementation of CSU 2.0
- Individual colleges were going to vote on their new structures, as proposed by their dean. It was then changed to an opinion poll which was discussed. It was then determined the vote/opinion poll was not going to Faculty Senate. The language was restored to a vote on this item.
- UCC will make a recommendation and that motion will be voted on by the full Senate, which will then be the recommendation of the Senate to the University Administration.

- b. University Admissions & Standards

- Change in admission criteria for Environmental Science approved by GC was approved and then approved by Faculty Senate

- c. University Curriculum Committee

- Many things approved at the last Faculty Senate meeting

- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
 - SP 22 Applicants reviewed by the Committee
 - If faculty is not pleased with the outcome of the Committee, they should contact Associate Dean Kosteas. He can work with them and explain with reasoning.

Recommendations were Approved
- e. Petitions Committee – no report
- f. Grade Dispute Committee – no report
- g. Program Review Committee
 - Program reviews are happening
- h. University Research Council Committee
 - Proposals were reviewed - grant proposals for graduate students; start-up initiative for faculty research and development
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee
 - Awards ceremony planned for May 12th; If you can attend to honor our students, that would be great.

5. Discussion items

- a. English language test scores
 - During the pandemic we allowed Duolingo to count as a foreign language proficiency test for our international applicants at a level of 100. We are looking into whether we need to raise that score to possibly 105.
 - The College of Graduate Studies is looking at comparable scores at other graduate colleges around the region and country. We want to find out their requirements in terms of English proficiency to make sure we are in comparable line regarding Duolingo and other English language proficiency tests.

6. Updates/Announcements

- a. Graduate Council elections are underway. The Call for Nominations went out and the deadline is today.
- b. The Slate translation has interrupted a lot of things and one of those is the evaluation of international transcripts. Many other countries have a different grading scheme and GPAs don't necessarily line up with our 4.0 grading scale, therefore the credentials need to be evaluated and converted to our GPA. There were problems getting the foreign transcripts converted. We are working on it and hope these will be done by early next week. Dean Holcomb will send out an update on Monday regarding where to find that information in Slate. A third-party evaluator is being used for this.
 - A request was made for access to the original transcripts for a departmental level evaluation if possible. If it can be easily done, we will try to make that happen.

7. Items for future discussion

- a. Review of Graduate Faculty Status criteria – next year would be a good time for that, with all the changes happening and college realignment. The new colleges will need to update that information.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 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>)