



GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held March 25, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Dean Holcomb, Professors Porter, Smith, Andrei, Phillips, Kim, Forte, Kumar, Sun, Carnell, Sola, Matcham, Weyman, Ekelman, Hatch, Hamlen Mansour, Zhou, DeBoth, Kevin Neal, Tatiana Nikitina

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

1. **Approve Agenda** – The meeting agenda was **approved**
2. **Approve Minutes**
 - a. February 25, 2021 – The minutes were **approved**.
3. **New Business**
 - a. Course in Curriculog for approval - **Approved**
 - DPT 707 – Clinical Application of Pain Neuroscience Education – New course
 - (2 CR) Elective option for DPT students
4. **Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees** --- Available reports
 - a. Faculty Senate
 - Discussion about CSU 2.0 – going to vote on if going to have a vote, if so propose vote to occur on April 28, 2021
 - b. University Admissions & Standards
 - Approved 3+3 proposal between Baldwin Wallace and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
 - c. University Curriculum Committee
 - Communication Sciences and Disorders MA and the Special Education with Licensure MEd went through, we sent another one of the masters in education back to just fix some inconsistencies.
 - d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
 - 35 applicants reviewed
 - Full time and emeritus faculty with expiring grad faculty status who did not submit applications – an email was sent to that group offering a one-year extension to their Grad faculty status. Those who do not respond/request the one-year extension will be added to the list of those with grad faculty status expiring in the summer. We are not automatically giving the one-year extension, faculty must notify Bill Kostas.
 - e. Petitions Committee
 - Four petitions reviewed and approved in March
 - Working on updated petitions procedures and once finalized communication will go out to colleges and departments, more information to be provided at next meeting
 - f. Grade Dispute Committee – no grade disputes
 - g. Program Review Committee – no report

- h. University Research Council Committee
 - 21 GSR applications – probably most will be approved
 - Other applications awaiting response to follow-up questions but most will probably be approved. Announcements had not gone out yet.
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee

5. Discussion items

- a. Changes to graduate admissions (see attachment)
 - Conditional admission category - eligible students could be conditionally admitted if they have a GPA from 2.25 up to 2.75. Students must earn a 3.0 in the first semester of course work completing a minimum of six credit hours.
 - Opt-in program – if already have 3.0 GPA requirement and are full, do not have to accept conditional admission
 - Provisional admission category – allow students to submit unofficial transcripts and register for classes first semester. Students must submit official transcripts in order to register for second semester.
 - Fourth option for regular admission – if earned graduate degree student would not have to meet undergraduate GPA requirement. Earned graduate degree proving student capable of successful graduate work.
 - Specific catalog language included in proposal
 - Ultimately these are options available to the programs to be used or not
 - The additional categories will allow tracking by program and student eligibility for financial aid where previously as non-degree this was not available.
 - Programs can have the discretion to add additional conditions
 - The conditional admission (if approved) may need to be changed to a different name
 - Student with conditional admission would be subject to regular dismissal process after the first semester
 - **Approved** (Admissions for Fall 2022)
- b. Elimination of T grades for thesis/dissertation courses (see attached)
 - Proposed change to E and M code grading systems to not include the T grade option
 - Incomplete option – can extend if warranted, student would submit petition
 - Kevin Neal to check on financial aid impact with use of T or I grade
 - Amend proposal to include T grade option for use by some – for discussion at next meeting

6. Announcements

7. Items for future discussion

- a. RFP issued to outsource counseling and health and wellness services on campus
 - Julia Phillips will send information to John who will forward to Grad Council
 - Much concern about the many issues and impact this could have on many areas

b. Academic Technology Committee

- William Matcham (member of this committee) indicated more federal funding will be coming to CSU
- Looking for recommendations from departments/faculty/staff on how that money should be spent to support students and academic technology
- Would love to bring forward a proposal related to graduate programs and the Graduate College
- Recommend Council bring any ideas to April meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 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>)