



## GRADUATE COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Meeting Held November 30, 2020 via Zoom

*Present:* Dean Holcomb, Associate Dean Kosteas, Professors Porter, Phillips, Smith, Pourdavood, Kim, Lee, Kumar, Sun, Carnell, Matcham, Ekelman, Bayachou, Weyman, Hatch, Hamlen Mansour, Zhou, DeBoth, Registrar Kevin Neal, Diane Kolosionek, Tatiana Nikitina

*Guest:* Jeffrey Lewis

Dean Holcomb called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

1. **Approve Agenda** – The meeting agenda was **approved**.
2. **Approve Minutes**
  - a. November 12, 2020 – The minutes were **approved**.
3. **New Business**
  - a. Curriculog Proposals
    - **Global Interactions, MA** – program dormancy/deactivation
      - Based on guidance from the Dean's office, the Political Science faculty decided on August 18, 2020 to suspend the MAGI program including new admissions after this date. Given declining enrollment patterns, it is likely that the current suspension of MAGI will lead to the program's deactivation and discontinuation.
    - **Approved deactivation**
    - **International Relations and Global Interactions, Accelerated 4+1 BA/MA** – program dormancy/deactivation
      - Following guidance from the Dean's office, the Political Science faculty decided on August 18, 2020 to suspend the MAGI program including new admissions after this date. Given declining enrollment patterns, it is likely that the current suspension of MAGI will lead to the program's deactivation and discontinuation. Therefore, suspending and deactivating the accelerated 4+1 degree associated with MAGI is also requisite.
    - **Approved deactivation**
  - b. Course in Curriculog for approval
    - SOC 552 – Social Statistics II
      - Re-numbering SOC652 to be SOC552.
    - **Approved**
  - c. Graduate Faculty Status – Fall 2020 committee recommendations **Approved**
4. **Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees** --- Available reports
  - a. Faculty Senate
    - Nothing to report – meeting later this week

- b. University Admissions & Standards
  - Proposed pass/fail option for Faculty Senate agenda to be continued in spring semester for both undergraduate and graduate students
  - It would be similar to fall semester = C or better for undergraduates and B or better for graduate students
  - Proposal was not brought to Steering Committee of Faculty Senate, so working on bringing this forward for discussion now instead of mid-semester as before
  - John encouraged those who feel strongly about the pass/fail option being continued or not to contact their faculty senator
- c. University Curriculum Committee – nothing to report
- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
- e. Petitions Committee
  - Reviewed and approved six petitions
- f. Grade Dispute Committee
  - Four reviewed, one more coming - will be reviewed by Admissions & Standards as well
- g. Program Review Committee
  - Starting to schedule visits for spring semester
- h. University Research Council Committee – nothing to report
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee
  - Awards deadline moved to January 15, 2021 – students tend to wait until last minute to submit, but hopefully the added time will give more students time to apply

## 5. Discussion items

- a. Graduate Faculty Status requirements
  - Requirements a little weak in relation to quality of work
  - Discussion about predatory journals, ways to try and identify them and to be wary of them
  - Dianne Kolosionek shared a link to a listing of predatory journals: <https://beallslit.net>
- b. Updates to Graduate Faculty Status membership guidelines
  - Change to Graduate Faculty Status for Level III: Vote = 122 (yes), 14 (no)  
**Level III:**
    - **Teach entry-level (5XX) or any level of practice-based courses in graduate health professional programs**
    - **Serve on MS/MA theses or project committees**
    - **Direct or serve on graduate project/capstone committees in graduate health profession programs. This does not include directing Master's theses; nor does it include serving on doctoral dissertation committees**

## 6. Announcements

- a. Academic Standing was not suspended for Fall 2020
  - Announcement went out to all graduate students that there will be dismissals
  - Meeting with program directors to discuss process

## 7. Items for future discussion

- a. Technology guidelines for faculty to help improve skills with online/remote delivery

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next Graduate Council meeting is Monday, January 25, 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>)