

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2023 - ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Bugdal, Fulton School Rep
Celine Carayon, HIST
Doug DeWitt, MED
Memo Diriker, Faculty Senate Liaison
Yvonne Downie-Hanley, MBA
Judith Franzak, Ed.D.
James Fox, EDLD
Elizabeth Geiger, OGS
Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies
Martin Hunter, Registrar
Shannon Kelly, REED
Allen Koehler, AVP Enrollment Management
Eric Liebgold, BIO
Scott Mazzetti, HHPF
Stephen Oby, MSW

Nicholas Plummer, GSC President
Andrea Presotto, GIS
Jessica Scott, OGS

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Annette Barnes, DNP, MSN
Jennifer Bergner, MSME
Stephanie Bernhard, ENGL
Tom Calo, Perdue School Rep
Ignaciyas Soosaipillai, CADR
Erin Stutelberg, MAT
Diana Wagner, MED
Thea Williamson, Seidel Rep

I. Call to Order – 3:30 p.m.

II. GCC Approval

- Removing Grad Council from the curriculum approval process will require a bylaw change.
- Language should be very specific that the Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) has the final approval but can refer back to GC if necessary.
- OGS will draft some language and sent out to GC prior to next meeting.

III. Accelerated Masters Programs

- Landscape is changing with the MD Blueprint Program. Dual enrollment and collaborations may cause time to degrees to be compression. Each provost candidate showed strong interest in accelerated programs.
- Programs should require a student declare in their junior year. Students may take (9) hours of graduate credit in the senior year and have those credits apply to both their undergraduate and graduate career.
- E. Liebgold – There are challenges. Maturity levels play a factor. Often TA's need extra time before they're comfortable in the classroom and often don't finish on time.
- C. Carayon – Some programs are set up by invitation only. Admission GPA can be higher Can be used as a separate track to attract better undergraduate and graduate candidates.
- A.Koehler – There is no GPA requirements for undergrads but guardrails can be set up to make sure qualified students are entering these programs.
- S. Mazzetti – Marketing is crucial. Had a few students interested but they were too late to take advantage of the accelerated program.

- C. Griffin – Should consider looking at programs to see if there are options for accelerated tracks. Need to determine what the application process will look like and how admissions requirements may be affected. Flexibility will be important.

IV. Grad School Proposal Update

- President invited this discussion to be reopened.
- Proposal
 - Make sure data is updated.
 - Data is 4-years old. Needs to reflect the new growth expectations for grad enrollment from 7-12%.
 - Must have a strong rationale
 - Must build grad support within programs.
 - D. DeWitt will review and update data if necessary.
- Faculty Senate
 - Faculty Senate has reviewed. It would be nice to have their approval but it is not necessary to move forward.
 - Previous proposal sat with Faculty Senate for a year and included all the required information. Faculty Senate vote to not approve but agreed to send it forward.
- We need to request that the provost send to the executive cabinet.

V. Minutes

- February minutes were approved as submitted.

VI. Curriculum

- EDLD 514 – Course Change – Aligning Curriculum Instruction and Assessment
 - Aligns the descriptions of EDUC 545 and EDLD 514 so that students may not receive credit for both courses. The courses are taught from different lenses, but are virtually identical, and have even utilized the same textbook.
- GCC recommends approval. D. DeWitt seconded. GC unanimously approved.
- EDUC 561 – Course Change – Crisis Leadership in Education
 - Broadening focus on a current course to meet requirements for Blueprint for Maryland's Future program.
- EDUC 619 – Course Change – The Law and Public Education
 - EDUC 502 is no longer a pre-req for EDUC 619.
- EDUC 504 – Course Change – Diversity for Ed Leaders
 - Title change and minor focus shift to meet requirements for Blueprint for Maryland's Future program.
- GCC recommends approval. C. Carayon seconded. GC unanimously approved.
- HHPF 502 – Course Change – Introduction to Research
 - The content for HHPF 502 was evaluated, updated, and redistributed to more closely align with accreditation standards and better meet student needs.
- HHPF 559 – Course Change – Applied Research Methods
 - The content for HHPF 559 was evaluated, updated, and redistributed to more closely align with accreditation standards and better meet student needs.

- GCC recommends approval. M. Bugdal seconded. GC unanimously approved.

VII. GSC Remarks

- Sending out surveys to grad students.
- Elections are coming up. Please encourage your students to run.
- Grad Gala will be May 6th.
- J. Franzak – Alex Graham did an excellent job representing GSC on the Provost Search Committee.

VIII. Dean's Remarks

- MarCom has provided an update.
 - Ran several campaigns leading to increased traffic.
 - There was a 114% increase in traffic to the OGS site.
 - Will target areas with campaigns and make adjustments to make sure modality changes and new programs are highlighted.
- We're up 80 applications from a year ago today.

IX. Other Remarks

- J. Fox – Would like to see MarCom training for new Grad Program Directors.
- J. Franzak – There was strong graduate advocacy on the Provost Search Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted by Jessica Scott