

Graduate Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting on August 29, 2023, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM via Zoom

Quorum (1/2 the voting members of the senate): Met

Attending: Amy Rhea, Marcello Mogetta, Angie Zapata, Ashley Siebenaler, Keith Greenwood, Matthew Easter, Dan Edidin, Kristin Kopp, Julie Miller, Erin Robinson, Enid Schatz, John Kerns, Parker Owens, Maria Fidalgo, Chi-Ren Shyu, Yuwen Zhang, David Beversdorf, Abed Rabbani, Azlin Mustapha, Miriam Butler, Ashlie Lester, Jeni Hart

- 1) Call to order at 10:31am
- 2) Acceptance of the agenda
 - a) Erin Robinson motioned to accept the agenda.
- 3) Approval of minutes from April 2023 meeting
 - a) Motion to accept the minutes by Marcello Mogetta
 - b) Seconded by Parker Owens
 - c) Vote 13 accept, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
- 4) Special business for the day
 - a) None
- 5) Unfinished business
 - a) None
- 6) Committee reports
 - a) Academic Affairs
 - i) Angie Zapata and the committee reviewed and approved 100 course changes and new proposals.
 - (1) No discussion.
 - (2) 14 yay votes, 0 nay votes. Approved.
 - ii) Program proposals
 - (1) Ashlie Lester – MA HDFS Emphasis on Fam and Community Svcs – change to capstone option to eliminate capstone exam option and instead to 3 credit-hr project option. Internship is still option, is just elective course rather than capstone option.
 - (a) Motion to approve by Abed Rabbani.
 - (b) Seconded by David Beversdorf.
 - (c) No discussion.
 - (d) 15 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain. Approved.
 - (2) Sam Otten – PhD in Learning Teaching and Curriculum with emphasis in Math Education – change is a “cleanup” change, clarifying the departmental core (2 required, pick 1 of remaining 2) now only 1 required and 2 of last 3 are picked. Course number cleanup. More flexibility to students. Removing the Teacher Ed Research as a requirement but is still one of the mix-and-match courses and all 4 courses are available in the core.
 - (a) Motion to approve by Matthew Easter.
 - (b) Seconded by Marcello Mogetta.

- (c) 18 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain. Approved.
- (3) Keith Greenwood gave a brief on PhD Information Science and Learning Technologies – there isn't a change to the program itself, but rather to how it's presented on the registrar's website.
 - (a) Motion to approve by David Beversdorf.
 - (b) Seconded by Chi-Ren Shyu.
 - (c) 16 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain. Approved.
- (4) Tony Castro - EdD in Learning Teaching and Curriculum with emphasis on General – attempting to offer online option to the program – major change is existing EdD program that we want to make optionally available online.
 - (a) Motion to approve by Angie Zapata.
 - (b) Seconded by Abed Rabbani.
 - (c) 15 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain. Approved.
- (5) MEd in Art Education
 - (a) After some discussion it was decided to wait to vote until someone can speak on behalf of the program.
- (6) GC in Arts Entrepreneurship Changes brief by Lee Ann Garrison. Existing courses have been merged from smaller-credit courses to larger-credit courses and change of title. All courses exist and have been approved. Already approved at UG level.
 - (a) Motion to approve by David Beversdorf.
 - (b) Seconded by Erin Robinson.
 - (c) 16 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain. Approved.
- (7) Jena Randolph has joined us to talk about MEd in Special Ed with emphasis in Autism. 2 small changes: want to drop from 33 credits to 30 credits program to keep competitive with other masters programs, also updating name of accreditation agency on the program.
 - (a) Motion to approve by David Beversdorf.
 - (b) Seconded by John Kerns.
 - (c) 15 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain. Approved.
- (8) Jena Randolph also talked about the new proposed GC in Behavior Mgmt. in PK-12 education settings. This is an exercise in leveraging existing resources to get additional students advanced credentials. Can be applied directly toward master's program, so want to entice students to stay for the master's program.
 - (a) Motion to approve David Beversdorf.
 - (b) Seconded by Marcello Mogetta.
 - (c) 16 yay, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Approved.
- b) Awards
 - i) No report
- c) Policy Subcommittee
 - i) Chi-Ren Shyu (Engr faculty, representing interdisciplinary programs)
 - ii) Next couple of weeks we'll be discussing the incomplete policy and academic standing policy and develop these policies for graduate level to propose to the GFS.
- d) GPC Report

- i) Parker Owens. Have not had general GPC meeting yet, but we're doing TigerWalk for Grad/Prof Students, a few hundred participants, happened immediately after grad school orientation. At exec meeting tonight we'll discuss goals for the year to determine where funding is most needed and that travel awards and professional development awards are available to more students.
- e) Dean's Report
 - i) Jeni Hart. International students facing unprecedented numbers of visa denials, specifically in sub-Saharan Africa (71% denials), so we have seen an increase in deferrals. Also we're seeing a lot of denials from Iran but that is not surprising given history between the US and Iran. Grad enrollment down this year, 46% of overall drop is in master's distance students which is our largest population. Rachel Long has replaced Liz Tummons, Heather Hoffman has replaced Laura Page, Marina Pereira Alonso at the front desk, Amy Rhea is the new executive assistant, Dana Schmidt is assessment coordinator and any requests for data need to go to her, Liam Redinger is a data analyst that we share with IR, and Enid Schatz is Associate Dean. Graduate Students of Distinction (22 students) reception last Friday for students who brought in a total of about \$1.5M in external funding. Presented recently regarding SCOTUS decision and its implications for graduate admissions. Enid hosted DGS orientation last week and will host DGS summit in September.
- f) Other Reports
 - i) None
- 7) Other new business
 - a) Committee constitution self-nominations
 - i) Academic Affairs –
 - ii) Awards – Dan Edidin, Abed Rabbani
 - iii) Policy –
 - b) GFS Canvas Site – reinvite Angie Zapata
- 8) Resolutions
 - a) None
- 9) Adjournment
 - a) Motion to adjourn by David Beversdorf.
 - b) Seconded by Abed Rabbani.
 - c) Adjourned at 11:52am.