Graduate Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes



January 28, 2025 10:30am-noon Memorial Union S203 - Arvarh E Strickland Rm

Attending: Chi-Ren Shyu, David Beversdorf, Petros Vallettas (for Dan Edidin), John Frymire, John Kerns, Paul Ladehoff, Julie Miller, Cristina Mislan, Rajiv Mohan, Jessica Osaze, Enid Schatz, Amy Rhea, Ashley Siebenaler, Jeff Wood, Emily Crawford-Rossi.

Quorum (11): Not met at beginning of meeting, met from 11:05am-11:20am.

- 1. Call to order at 10:38am by Chi-Ren Shyu.
- 2. Approval of minutes of November 2024
 - a. Motion to approve by Beversdorf.
 - b. Seconded by Ladehoff.
 - c. Disposition: Approved unanimously.
- 3. Acceptance of the agenda
 - a. Accepted unanimously.
- 4. Committee Reports:
 - i. Academic Affairs Committee Prof. Julie Miller, chair
 - a. Course Approvals Appendix I
 Changes to existing (edited) and new (added) courses
 - 68 courses, 29 added, 39 edits
 - Disposition: Approved unanimously
 - b. New Program Approvals Appendix II
 - Presentation of Graduate Certificate in School Social Work by Drs. Childs, Frey, and Thompson.
 - We're one of 13 states that doesn't have this sort of program.
 - Prereq would be having an MSW because that is what the license requires in Missouri, Illinois, and other places.
 - Currently pulling from the MSW program as far as enrollment would go – we currently have about 150 MSW students who have an interest either

- with working with children/adolescents or explicitly working as a school social worker.

 Additionally the Missouri chapter of the School Social Worker Association of America is interested in this offering as a post-graduate certificate.
- Coursework is not overburdensome and fits into the current MSW program in place of electives.
 Associated internship would be required to be in a school setting instead of a generalized community setting. Coursework offered across all three semesters, so there's no delay if someone wants to join at any point throughout the year.
- There is no difficulty in placement for the internship – have more schools and partners wanting placements than we currently have students to fill them.
- Courses are offered fully online as well as inperson and hybrid.
- Will vote on this program at February meeting.
- Presentation of PhD in the Textile and Apparel Management by Dr. Jung Ha-Brookshire.
 - Tabled for February
- c. Approvals on edits of existing programs Appendix III
 - Edits on 4 programs approved unanimously
 - PhD in Public Affairs tabled for February
 - MS in Nursing with Emphasis in Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist – tabled for February
- d. Discussions on GFS AAC's role in course and degree reviews
 - Must have syllabus in CIM
 - D is not a grad-level grade (A,B,C,F is appropriate grade scale)
 - Crosslisted 4000-7000 level courses must demonstrate what additional work grad students will complete.
- b. Fellowships and Awards Committee Prof. John Kerns, chair
 - Fall awards decisions: Distingushed Dissertation to Genevieve Dash (Psych Sci), Distinguished Thesis to Spencer Upton (Psych Sci), Outstanding Mentor Awards to Amanda Hinnant (Journalism)
 - ii. Spring awards: Anderson Teaching Assistant and Anderson Research Assistant Awards, nominations open now, will close Feb 14.
- c. Policy Subcommittee Prof. Maria Fidalgo, chair

- i. Course-only MS degree Advising (Voting) Appendix IV
 - a. Existing policy exists and should be enforced so there is no need for this targeted policy in order to avoid complications with other programs
- ii. Al Policy
 - a. Tabled for February meeting
- 5. Special business 1 for the day: Member At Large Election Interim VP Prof. Erin Robinson
 - a. No nominee at this time
 - b. Tabled for February meeting
- 6. Special business 2 for the day: HLC site visit Dean Jeni Hart, Graduate School
 - a. Site visit is on Feb 3-4, first day is planned, second day will be planned at close of first day, so there may be invitations sent out to discuss Graduate/Doctoral Faculty processes, shared governance, etc.
- 7. Report: Graduate Professional Council Ms. Jessica Osaze, GPC Representative
 - a. Tiger Swipes program with Tiger Pantry is in danger. The vast majority of users of the Tiger Swipes program are graduate students, particularly international graduate students. Due to a change in funding structure, undergraduate students are no longer donating their unused swipes to Tiger Pantry. Additionally, GPC has run out of carryover from previous years' budgets. Last year, the Provost gave \$20,000 toward funding Tiger Swipes, but has not renewed that donation this year. Tiger Pantry has informed GPC that they cannot renew the Tiger Swipes program because there isn't the funding for it and because it highly favors graduate students in its usage. GPC cannot afford to subsidize the program without significant fundraising, which they are attempting to do.
- 8. Report: Graduate School Dean Jeni Hart
 - a. Other than the HLC site visit, there isn't anything to report. However, next month, Jeni will report on the change in the assistantship titles as they will be finalized in February.
- 9. Other new business
 - a. None
- 10. Resolutions
 - a. None
- 11. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting will be in hybrid format. Please attend in person if possible, but if not, please join in via Zoom.

12. Adjourned at 12:02pm.