

Minutes  
Graduate Academic Affairs Committee  
May 11, 2018

**Members in Attendance:** R. Wood, A. Miller, A. Rellergert, H. Ardizzone, A. Trees, A. Miller, J. Curley, S. Winton, C. Werner, J. Barber, J. Garcia-Martinez, J. Fu, L. McLaughlin, N. Reed, A. Nelson, S. Jayaram, L. Cash, J. Nichols, J. Martin

**Guests in Attendance:** J. Haugen, E. Carnaghan

**Call to Order:** R. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes from the April 13, 2018 meeting:** Motion was made to approve the April 13, 2018 minutes as written. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

A. FYI - New Concentration in Political Science MA Program in Madrid:

Political Science proposes to add a new concentration, “International Relations and Crisis”, to their existing MA program, which currently has 5 concentrations. They are in the process of streamlining these. The plan is to remove two existing concentrations - Gender and Politics and Political theory. The proposed new concentration, which is developed primarily for SLU Madrid political science, follows the same format as their existing MA concentrations, with a set of core courses, a required research methods course, other required courses, and a range of electives. SLU Madrid already participates in the Political Science ABM and MA. This program was approved by the Board of Graduate Education and the A&S Faculty Council. It will be primarily offered at the Madrid campus since they have the faculty to cover the courses. This is an information item only.

B. FYI – SPS Accelerated Programs: The School for Professional Studies proposed four new accelerated Bachelor's to Masters programs which were approved by UAAC and now comes to GAAC as an informational item. The Directors of their graduate programs worked with the Directors of their undergraduate programs to build four accelerated Bachelor's to Master's programs. These four accelerated programs were build keeping in mind there were no revisions made to their undergraduate programs to accommodate the bridges and that the assessment of student learning outcomes would not be adversely affected as all the courses in the bridge program would be taken as electives, and that no additional budget is required to implement the accelerated bridges. The accelerated programs are Bachelor's to Master's Programs in: Leadership and Organization Development, Applied Analytics, Cybersecurity, and Strategic Intelligence. This item is informational item as the graduate program does not change, only the undergraduate program changes to count graduate credit.

C. Proposal of delivery of SLU programs on the Madrid campus: This is an old form that was likely authored by Steve Sanchez, however there is no record of it ever being approved. The purpose of the form is to provide a proposal form for the Madrid campus to be able to deliver programs that are normally offered on the St. Louis campus over there in Madrid. All proposals to deliver an existing major, certificate, or

degree program in its entirety at SLU's Madrid campus must be submitted to the Provost for final approval. The appropriate academic departments and deans of the Madrid Campus and the college/school/center must approve these proposals via their established policies and procedures. Signatures of the chairs and deans/directors are required on the form, and notification must be sent to UAAC/GAAC once the proposal has been approved. This will establish an open line of communication between the St. Louis and Madrid campuses. There was some discussion at UAAC on the clarification of learning outcomes and how they can differ in Spain (section 5.0). Rob is asking Kathleen Thatcher about that section and how it should be worded. A new version of this form will be presented at the September meeting.

**Old Business:**

A. Grad Catalog Policy Changes, Master's / Doctoral Coursework: At the last meeting three policy change proposals were presented and the committee was asked to get feedback on the last two for Master's and Doctoral degree coursework. There was discussion about not allowing 4000-level courses to count towards the Masters degree and it was ultimately decided that this should remain as written and if there are 4000-level courses that a graduate student wants to take, the instructor could always dual-list it with a 5000-level course.

There was also discussion about the Advanced Standing policy and whether there should be a specific limit to the number of credits that could count towards Advanced Standing. The decision was made to limit the number of advanced standing credits accepted to 24. Therefore, the line “up to 24 credits” was added to this policy after the first sentence.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED WITH CORRECTED WORDING**

- B. Starting in 2019, all curricular and policy changes must go into place by December for the following Fall semester. This will give us time to load it into CourseLeaf and to ensure that the Catalog is updated in a timely manner.

**Announcements:**

- A. The Three-Minute Thesis was a big success, there were a number of students who turned up and presented their dissertation or thesis. The next one will take place in November so that we can send the winner to MAGS to compete on a regional level. More information about that will be sent out later.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.**