

Minutes
Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
November 8, 2019

Members in Attendance: R. Hindi, J. Curley, L. Hamrick, C. Harper, J. Garcia-Martinez, J. Haugen, I. Kuljanishvili, H. Matsuo S. Mudigonda, J. McGuire, A. Rellergert, A. Sebert-Kuhlmann, S. Sanchez, A. Schnell, C. Thomas, E. Carnaghan, R. Wood, and G. Yosten

Call to Order: R. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Approval of Minutes from the October 11, 2019 Meeting: Minutes from the October 11, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Political Science Program: Reducing the number of electives, raising the number of required, overall total number stays the same. This is just a FYI.

Master's Degree Proposal in Education Principles and Practices: Jennifer advised what they are proposing and why they are proposing. The current program has low/no enrollment. They wanted to design something new that's innovative and that responds to the local need: 1) certificate options and their appeal to teachers, 2) not your usual degrees in reading and special education, and 3) power and potential of a certificate in equity. How this program was developed was on the heels of reinventing the Educational Foundations doctoral program last fall, along with ongoing conversations with local stakeholders. They created a program that sits at the intersection of student interest, faculty expertise, and societal need. They are very ambitious of this program for many reasons, such as this lives out the Jesuit mission, pragmatically critical, right-size of graduate enrollment and raise our ranking, and create something to be proud of that will distinguish us among our peers. After discussing the Master's Degree and Certificate proposals in Education Principles and Practices, the Committee requested that the following items be addressed before we proceed with final votes:

- 1) The proposals lacked the required confirmation that the University Registrar had reviewed the proposals in advance and that any Registrar-related issues and concerns had been satisfactorily addressed. Please provide that confirmation (and note that Jay is aware and ready to review with you).
- 2) All proposal need to be comprise of course approved by the SOE faculty. Please work with the Registrar on ensuring they are in process to be approved since new courses are due Feb 15, 2020 and any changes to existing courses are due March 15, 2020.
- 3) Because of the lack of certificate-specific learning outcomes, as well as degree-level outcomes that don't explicitly account for the embedded certificate curricula, the Committee felt that the assessment plan required further explanation (and, potentially, modification). Steve Sanchez will reach out to Jennifer and group to discuss.

SPS Proposal/Changes: Master of Science in Information Systems – John advised there is a large market opportunity. Follows our traditional 33 credits, with the common set of courses in

which there will be an analytics course, statistics course and series of 3 – 1 credit master research's projects. The core set is a 5-core sequence in Information Systems then students gets to pick 2 options – 1) more managerial option or 2) a more technical side. The committee voted unanimously to approve.

-Graduate Certificate in Information Systems – John advised that this proposal follows the Masters of Information Systems except this is a 12-credit certificate. The committee voted unanimously to approve.

-Master of Science in Project Management – Randy presented the proposed Master of Science in Project Management program aligns with the University mission. The program will provide excellent instruction in a focused discipline that helps students further develop their skills in applied research, scholarship, and practice. The Master of Science in Project Management program is being proposed in response to the needs of local and global industry. The program will be delivered primarily in an online format in accordance with the School for Professional Studies' commitment to flexible education options for adult learners pursuing advanced degrees in a local/national/global market. A brief discussion regarding Appendix A regarding the Curriculum Course Descriptions. The Registrar will add an academic definition to the official university document for the Masters in Professional Studies. The committee voted unanimously to approve.

-Graduate Certificate in Project Management – Randy advised it is a 12-hour certificate before basic courses in project management. A brief discussion regarding the learning outcomes was discussed and answered. The committee voted unanimously to approve.

Master of Professional Studies – degree structure built on existing courses that we have and graduate certificates. (33 hours, taking the standard courses). Students will select a primary concentration and a secondary concentration. These are existing 12 graduate certificates finishing up with a Masters Research project. The committee voted unanimously to approve.

-Program Name Change Information Item – Applied Analytics to just Analytics – They were working with student recruitment expert who suggested the name Applied Analytics doesn't have the same cache as Analytics, hence why they submitted the Program Change Report.

Marketing new grade Programs: – April was not present, will revisit at the next meeting.

Registrar Update: We have discussed the policies enough to send back for feedback. The policy on "Time Limits on Course Work" has had an amendment to add a "revalidation experience" as an option to empower the department to validate if a student does still have the knowledge to receive credit for that course. Jay will send electronically to the committee that you can share with your colleagues and bring back any changes/updates to the next meeting.

Announcements:

- Next Meeting: December 13, 2019
- Three Minute Thesis – get on your calendar – November 22nd from 100-500pm in the Sinquefield Room. Spread the word to your colleagues. Angie to send handouts to the Committee to share.
- Dissertation Fellowship Deadline: December 9, 2019
- Presidential and Diversity Fellowship Deadline: February 13, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 am