

**Minutes**  
**Graduate Academic Affairs Committee**  
**December 11th, 2020 – via zoom**

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

**New Business:**

**Revised Geospatial Health Data Analytics Concentration from November 2020 GAAC Meeting – Steve Rigdon:**

A substantial program change report was submitted by Geospatial Health Data Analytics Concentration that The Master of Science in Biostatistics and Health Analytics is planning on adding a Geospatial Health Data Analytics Concentration to the degree.

- *Committee members unanimously passed the revised version.*

**Program Change/Executive Master of Health Administration Program & Proposal – To Create New Program/The Master of Health Care Management - CPHSJ – Kimberly Enard:**

Health care is a rapidly growing industry in need of highly competent managers with diverse backgrounds and experiences. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects that, due to an increase in demand for healthcare services by the aging baby-boomer population, employment of medical and health services managers (SOC 11-9111) will grow nearly 32 percent between 2019 and 2029. This projection represents an important opportunity to bring diverse perspectives into the health care management field as a way to drive better population health outcomes and strengthen the connection between providers, payers, and the communities they serve.

To that end, the Department of Health Management and Policy (HMP) is proposing to establish an asynchronous, online Master of Health Care Management (MHCM) degree to help us improve market segmentation in our existing portfolio of graduate health care management programs. These programs include: 1) the residential Master of Health Administration (rMHA), offered in an on campus, face-to-face format for traditional students with little or no previous work experience; and 2) the executive MHA (eMHA) offered in a hybrid online and face-to-face format for working professionals with 3-5+ years of health care management experience. The proposed MHCM degree would provide a convenient pathway to a master's degree for nontraditional students who desire the flexibility of completing their degree quickly, completely online and at lower cost than a traditional MHA but lack the health care management work experience required for the eMHA program.

Key features of the MHCM degree:

- 41 required credit hours (11 core and 2 elective HMP courses @ 3 credit hours per course and 1 PUBH 5010 @ 2 credit hours) – all taken in a 100% asynchronous online format
- 1-2 optional credit hour(s) field experience, strongly encouraged for students with no previous health care experience
- Ability to access to HMP's robust professional development resources
- Ability to pursue a certificate offered through HMP or other departments
- Ability to begin MHCM program in Spring, Summer or Fall semesters and earn the degree in ~16 months at the fastest pace

All required resources to initiate the MHCM students currently exist in HMP. The courses for the MHCM degree represent a subset of the core courses offered in the department's existing eMHA program. The professional development resources are currently offered as part of the rMHA program and can be made available to MHCM students.

- *Recommendation Decision: The Committee unanimously passed the Master of Health Care Management Proposal - CPHSJ, with the understanding that Section 8.3, page 19 of the proposal be revised.*
- *The Program Change/Executive Master of Health Administration was unanimously passed.*

**Request for Admin. Update on Adoption/Promulgation of GAAC's approved Policy Language Change – For Extra Pandemic Related TTD Extension – Ben Looker**

In our GAAC meeting today (12/11/20), we were informed there had been no communication sent regarding **Time-T0-Degree Extension Wording** that was approved at the September GAAC meeting.

The following was passed unanimously at GAAC September 11th, 2020 meeting and was then approved by CADD.

Degree seeking graduate students enrolled during the 2019-2020 academic year will be awarded a one-year extension of time to degree upon petition to the Provosts office following programmatic endorsement of the petition. This extension of the time limit to degree has no bearing on funding. Decisions regarding any additional years of financial support are at the sole discretion of your individual academic units.

- *Ben Looker would like for this to go out to every college/Dean so that they know this was approved by CADD. Ben would like this wording be sent out to all Deans and Directors of departments. Henrietta will send out.*

The November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM and the next meeting will take place on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM via zoom. This meeting has been changed to: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Link will be sent out prior to the meeting.