

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

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

**New Business:**

**HLC and Assessment Presentation – Steve Sanchez:**

HLC has certain requirements for faculty qualifications for teaching. They also have a requirement that every University has policies.

**N/A for Information Only**

**2 Minor Program Changes CPHSJ – Jamie Curley**

Two minor program changes – FYI's from CPHSJ. These involve removing the PUBH5010 course for the curriculum of the program (Masters of CCJ and Masters of Social Work) **and replacing it with discipline-specific coursework of equivalent credit hours.**

The Council on Education for Public Health required content will be covered in a zero-credit hour online module that will be required viewing for all incoming CPHSJ graduate students. Student will complete competency assessments as part of the module. Additionally, we plan to use the online module as a way to introduce incoming graduate students to all of the subject areas housed within the College for Public Health and Social Justice.

The online module will be used starting in the fall of 2021.

*Recommendation Decision: Unanimously recommended.*

**Proposed Update and Discussion – GAAC Internal Joint Degree Form and Internal Joint Degree Form Proposed Modifications**

Updated Joint (Internal) Degree Program Proposal Form: a proposed update to the form based upon recommendations from the committee last spring needs to be reviewed

- The proposed update of the form (GAAC Internal Joint Degree Form) and the analysis of how this form compares to the new program proposal form (Internal Joint Degree Form - Proposed Modifications)

## **Current for GAAC Dual Degree Program Form and GAAC Dual Degree Program – April Trees**

Updated Dual Degree Program Proposal Form: assessment questions need to be added and GAAC needs to determine what they think that should look like; any other updates need to be identified

- The current form (GAAC Dual Degree Program Form) and the possible format for assessment questions (GAAC Dual Degree Program -Assessment questions)

*Recommendation Decision: Review and talk with your faculty and Deans and we will Tabled until October GAAC meeting*

## **PHD in Computer Science – Presented by Aaron Chambers**

New proposal for a PhD in Computer Science which was approved by the departments BGE in Spring. We are building off the fact that our Master's program is established and growing quickly. Students are asking if we have a PhD program, particularly now that we have the Masters.

*Recommendation Decision: Unanimously recommended.*

## **Helen Lack – Changes to Non-Traditional Dissertations - 2 publications to 1 publication**

Last May I brought to the committee some changes to the non-traditional dissertations and if we could have a plan on how to address this so that we can get this done this fall. This is a University requirement and not a School of Nursing requirement. We tabled this in May, but we need a plan to move forward. Rob will have a plan in September and bring back to the committee.

Discussion followed and the committee ask for some additional time and no vote was made in this meeting.

*Recommendation Decision: Tabled until October GAAC Meeting*

## **Discussion of Admin Implementation of Unanimous GAAC Resolution (5/8/20) on TTD Extension – Ben Looker**

*Updated: Wording that will go to CADD meeting:*

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.

**Approval of Minutes from the August 14th, 2020 Meeting:** Meeting ended and the minutes were not approved. This will be added to the GAAC agenda for October 9<sup>th</sup> 2020.

*Received email from Professor Jesus:*

*Jesus ask that I change to reflect on page 4 to the following:*

Jesus Garcia-Martinez is the representative to the Faculty Senate and would like to report the findings and the results of this data and what the IRB and the Office of the Vice President for Research are going to do and then he will report those findings to the Senate, as this affects the work of the faculty."

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM and the next meeting will take place on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM via zoom.

Link will be sent out prior to the meeting.