

**Graduate Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
Saint Louis University
Friday, March 8, 2024**

Voting Members Present: Trica Bagsby, Dana Baum, Jen Jen Chang, Beth Gockel-Blessing, Helen Lach, Zhenguo Lin, Joe Lyons, Dana Malkus, Katie Mescari, Bill Rehg, Kristi Richter, Ness Sandoval

Non-Voting Members Present: Jen Popiel, April Trees, Jay Haugen, Janie Henderson, Christine Harper, Marissa Cope, Nicole Mispagel

Members Absent: Ranjith Bandari, Zhenguo Lin, Steven McMillin, Ashley Hirokawa

Guests: Lisa Fischer, Martha Allen

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2024 minutes approved.

III. **Discussions**

A. Program Change Proposals:

- 556: Criminology and Criminal Justice MA Program Change

The following concentration changes go with the overarching program change:

- 671: Organizational Leadership Concentration
- 672: Emergency Management Concentration
- 674: Cybersecurity Concentration added
- 675: Strategic Intelligence Concentration added

Additional program rationale for the concentration changes and additions along with a market analysis (attached to the bottom of the program proposal) were provided for committee review. The analysis provided additional justification for adding concentrations.

- GAAC approved program changes unanimously.

IV. **Old/Ongoing Business**

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A. *Policy Review: Academic Integrity Policy.* The current draft of the policy is accessible at <https://libguides.slu.edu/c.php?g=1330246&p=10204197>

- Dr. Lisa Fischer and Ms. Martha Allen provided further policy discussion and answered any questions. Dr. Fischer explained that the second policy draft was circulated among faculty, and UAAC and GAAC reps were invited to share feedback before the March 2, 2024 deadline. The next step will be including the feedback into the third draft policy.
- Dr. Fischer and Ms. Allen opened the floor for questions and discussions from the GAAC committee.
- A number of topics and pieces of feedback were raised by committee members in the discussion. This included concerns about student protections and the standard of evidence, concerns about faculty workload for faculty serving on the committees, and faculty responsibility for reporting in the new policy. We also discussed artificial intelligence issues related to academic integrity.
- Dr. Baum asked about the faculty burden of gathering evidence of AI policy violations. Specifically, what types of tools will be available, and how would they be able to access them? Dr. Sandoval asked about the financial responsibilities. He noted that many of the AI tracking tools and software are not free. SLU should provide financial assistance with purchasing tracking software.
- Dr. Fischer and Ms. Allen said that they will take all of the feedback back to the working group.
- At the next GAAC meeting, we will vote on the Academic Integrity policy.

B. *Policy on Independent Study, Directed Study, and Independent Research*

UAAC added a modification to the policy that was shared with the committee. There were no additional concerns from GAAC regarding policy content.

The policy was unanimously approved.

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.