

Graduate Council Meeting No. 542 October 4, 2021 via Zoom | Minutes

Council Members Present: Gabriel DePace, Cheryl Foster, Feruz Ganikhano, Josh Gyllinsky, Shingo Goto, Rabia Hos, Kathy Hutchinson, Bethany Jenkins, Aaron Ley, Mary MacDonald, Ellen McGough, Mary Moen, Martha Rojas, Angela Slitt, Arthur Spivack, Fred Vetter, Jing Jian Xiao

Council Members Absent: Monique Cardinal

Graduate School Present: Brenton DeBoef, Corinne Kulesh, Jessica Martinez, Cara Mitnick, Meghan Warhola

I. Call to order

★ *The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair Fred Vetter*

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 541, September 13, 2021

★ *Motion to approve the minutes from meeting No. 541 September 13, 2021*
○ *Approved*

III. Announcements

A. Graduate Program Directors Fall Meeting (*DeBoef*)

1. The Program Director's Fall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2021. Topics include informational sessions for new Program Directors, On-campus vs. Online Master's Programs, and PhD timelines.

B. Graduate School Commencement Ceremony (*Martinez & DeBoef*)

1. Graduate Council Secretary Martinez informed the council that there were about 85 graduate students who participated in the Class of 2020 commencement ceremony. Dean DeBoef mentioned Dr. Shingo and Dr. Slitt, who are council members, received a Graduate School Mentoring award. The ceremony was held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at the Ryan Center.

C. Professional Development Upcoming Events & DIBP (*Mitnick*)

1. Director Mitnick informed the council about recently run workshops including a CV resume workshop, job search program, Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy Workshop for Teaching Assistants. Director Mitnick announced upcoming workshops to include the URI Registrar hosting a training on FERPA, grant writing session, salary negotiations, writing with disorders, and annual thesis and dissertation orientation. All upcoming events will be listed in the Graduate School Newsletter.

D. EGRA (*Mitnick*)

1. Director Mitnick encouraged the council to inform their students to apply for the EGRA awards. Deadline is October 18th. Groups of up to 3 students can also submit a proposal. Awardees have up to 12 months to use the funds. Council members will have three weeks to review EGRA proposals.

E. Update on CAS Rollovers (*Kulesh*)

1. All CAS application cycles are now open which includes Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Spring 2023. Associate Director Kulesh informed the council that an email will be sent later this week to Program Directors of when the portal will be open for communicating local statuses.
- F. GA Parking Permits (*DeBoef*)
1. Dean DeBoef reported to the council that he has had meetings with Parking Services, Vice President Abby Rider, and Assistant Vice President Dan Moos regarding the Graduate Assistant parking permit issues. Some ideas include creating a 30 Day temporary parking waiver for GAs. Logistics are still in development.
- G. Recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty since those listed on April 19, 2021 meeting agenda (*DeBoef*)
- Alanna Casey**, Adjunct Professor, Marine Affairs
Hannes Baumann, Adjunct Professor, Biological Sciences
Mitch Weegman, Adjunct Professor, Natural Resource Sciences
Erik Blomberg, Adjunct Professor, Natural Resource Sciences
Rebecca Niemiec, Adjunct Professor, Natural Resource Science
Izabela Ciesielska-Wrobel, Assistant Professor, Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design
Whitley Saumweber, Visiting Associate Professor, Marine Affairs
Cate Morrison, Teaching Professor, Communication Studies
Katie Amaral, Teaching Professor, Chemistry
Erik Brine, Director URI Research Foundation

IV. New Business

- A. Graduate Student Academic Appeals Board Nominations
1. Dean DeBoef discussed the role of the appeals board and when nominations take place. The Joint Committee will work on updating Appendix A.26 language. GSA President Joshua Gyllinsky and GSA Past President Gabriel DePace will be the student representatives on the appeals board beginning November 8, 2021. The faculty member seats will be elected in March 2022.
- B. Revisions to Graduate Manual section 7.57.1.2 - allowing remote and hybrid oral comprehensive exams
1. Dean DeBoef reported on behalf of the Joint Committee the changes proposed to add the Program Director or Department Chairperson to be able to schedule written and oral comprehension exams. Dean DeBoef added the ability for the Dean of the Graduate School to schedule as well. The council suggested that the Joint Committee work on Graduate Manual language to define the role of each of the members of the oral comprehensive exam committee.
- ★ *Motion to approve the revisions to the Graduate Manual section 7.57.1.2 as proposed with recommendation that the joint committee refine the role of chair for oral exam.*
- *Approved*
 - *1 Council Member Abstained*

V. New Graduate Programs & Notice of Change (See Google Drive for New Program Proposals) (*DeBoef*)

Notice of Change

MA Adult Education

- ★ *Motion to approve the notice of change for MA Adult Education*
- *Approved*
 - *1 Council Member Abstained*

(TABLED) *Ph.D. in Computer and Statistical Sciences (new track in Statistics)*

Masters of Music, Music Education

- ★ *Motion to approve the notice of change for Masters of Music, Music Education*
- *Approved*

(TABLED) *Ph.D. Mathematics – Add track Mathematical Statistics and Probability*

PhD program in Nursing

- ★ *Motion to approve the notice of change for PhD program in Nursing*

- *Approved*

VI. Graduate Curriculum (See Google Drive for Curriculum Proposals) (*DeBoef*)

400-Level Course Changes

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

EDC 410 Adapted Physical Education

(3 crs.) Planning and evaluation of physical education programs for individuals with special needs. Includes issues regarding disability laws and various mental, psychological, and physical conditions. (Lec. 2, Lab. 2) PRE: credit or concurrent enrollment in EDC 310, 314, HPE major or MATCP in HPE program or permission of instructor.

Change in prerequisites

- ★ *Approved*
- ★ *1 Council Member Abstained*

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

SOC 475G Global Perspectives on Reproduction

SEM: (3 crs.) Explores the impact of inequalities of race, class, age, gender and sexuality on global variations in contraception, fertility, childbirth, and parenthood, and the ethical issues and social forces affecting reproduction. (Seminar) Pre: 300-level coursework in sociology, anthropology, gender and women's studies, or health studies; or permission of the instructor. Approved for graduate credit. (A2) (C2)

Allow for graduate credit and cross-listing

- ★ *Approved*
- ★ *1 Council Member Abstained*

500-Level Course Changes

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

PHP/BPS 519 Self-Care II

(3 crs.) Cross-listed as (PHP), BPS 519. Expansion of nonprescription and complementary medicine therapeutics. Explore the implementation of pharmaceutical care programs in community pharmacy practice. (Lec. 3) PRE: PHP 418 (or BPS 418); third-year Doctor of Pharmacy professional student.

Course deletion

- ★ *Approved*
- ★ *1 Council Member Abstained*

600-Level Course Changes

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

NEU/PSY 601 Physiological Psychology

LEC (3 credits): An advanced consideration of research pertaining to the physiological bases of psychological disorders and neurodegenerative disease as well as foundational neuroanatomy, neurotransmission, psychopharmacology, neuroplasticity, neuroimaging, and brain stimulation techniques. (Lec. 2, Lab. 2) PRE: Counts as a course for graduate study in Psychology and includes a historical perspective with an emphasis on clinical neuroscience. Graduate standing in the PSY or INP programs or permission of the instructor. It is highly recommended that students have taken a graduate level course in methodology/statistics and psychopathology.

Course description, method of instruction and credit changes

- ★ *Approved*
- ★ *1 Council Member Abstained*

500-Level New Course Proposals

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

(TABLED) **HIS 581**

Advanced Topics in Asian or Latin American History

Subject and course content will vary from semester to semester. Student work will emphasize historiographical analysis and the use of specialized research materials. PRE: May be repeated for credit with different topics. May be repeated twice with change of topic for a maximum of 6 credits. A student may not take both HIS481 and HIS581 on the same topic or as determined by the department chair

LSC 558

Research Methods in the Field of Information

This course introduces students to the interdisciplinary quantitative, qualitative, and most current research methods used in social sciences and library and information science to develop an appreciation of research process. Lec. 3/Online

★ *Approved*

★ *1 Council Member Abstained*

MUS 576

Graduate Music Education Practicum

Graduate practicum in elementary, middle, or secondary music education programs designed to enhance teaching skills of in-service educators. May be used for up to 90 residency hours for teacher certification. PRE: TCP and graduate music education students only

★ *Approved*

★ *1 Council Member Abstained*

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

(TABLED) **PSA 591X**

Downstream Relationship Analyses

This is a graduate level course that provides students a large scale application to downstream relationship analyses in a B2B environment. Students will determine resource considerations and conduct predictive analytics toward a downstream case problem.

600-Level New Course Proposals

COLLEGE OF NURSING

NUR 601

Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Science

Examine the nature of theoretical thinking and knowledge development in nursing. In depth focus on theory structure, development, analysis and critique. PRE: NUR 600

★ *Approved*

★ *1 Council Member Abstained*

NUR 661

Integrative Review for Nursing Science

In-depth review to identify, critique, and synthesize a body of literature using standardized approaches in a focused area. PRE: Enrollment in second year of study in PhD nursing program or permission of the instructor.

★ *Approved*

★ *1 Council Member Abstained*

VII. Adjournment

★ *Chairperson Vetter asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.*

Minutes approved by the Graduate Council on November 8, 2021



Brenton DeBoef, Dean of the Graduate School