

Graduate Council Meeting No. 543 November 8, 2021 via Zoom | Minutes

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

Council Members Absent: Feruz Ganikhano, Rabia Hos, Bethany Jenkins, Monique Cardinal, Meghan Warhola

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

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 542, October 4, 2021

★ *Motion to approve the minutes from meeting No. 542 October 4, 2021*

○ *Approved*

■ *Edit request to revise title for Gabriel DePace from Vice President to Past President.*

III. Announcements

A. Graduate Enrollment Updates (*Kulesh*)

1. Associate Director Kulesh provided the council with an update on the enrollment numbers for Fall 2021. Online programs, education programs, engineering programs and nursing programs saw an increase in enrollment. Overall, Fall enrollment was up 95 students.

B. EGRA Reminder - Scores due November 16th (*Jess*)

1. Executive Assistant Martinez reminded the council of the deadline to review the EGRA proposals is November 16th. Asked the council to contact her if they have any questions or need an extension.

C. Small Loans for International Students (*DeBoef*)

1. Dean DeBoef informed the council that there were 42 international students who were not able to start their assistantship in time due to COVID delays in obtaining a social security number. The Graduate School worked with the Controller's Office to create small loans for up to \$1,500 for these students. Six students applied, but only three students obtained the loan. The remaining three received their social security number during the application process. The small loans for international students will stay in place for future needs for students who obtain an assistantship and are waiting for a social security number. Students will need to contact the international office for the application.
2. Dean DeBoef announced that the position for the Graduate School Associate Dean of Diversity and Academic Affairs will be a national search and posted sometime this week.

D. Recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty since those listed on October 4, 2021 meeting agenda (*DeBoef*)

Perri Levis, Lecturer, Political Science
Andrea Quattrini, Professor, Marine Affairs
Tashal Brown, Assistant Professor, School of Education
Lazaro Camacho, Assistant Professor, School of Education
Amy Correia, Senior Lecturer, School of Education
Raymond Reid, One-time appointment, Physical Therapy
Cinthia Beccacece Satornino, Adjunct Professor, Marketing
Larry Harris, One-time appointment, Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Sciences
Martin Goossen, One-time appointment, Business Management
Christopher Hemme, Research Assistant Professor, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Alvin Bach, Research Associate Professor, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences

IV. New Business

- A. Software Licensing (*Slitt*)
 - 1. Dr. Slitt informed the council that their students have asked their college to look into acquiring a software called BioRender. This software is used to generate high quality figures for publications and thesis. Dr. Slitt asked if the Graduate School is able to obtain a license for this software for graduate students.
 - a) Dean DeBoef stated he is currently part of the ITGOV Committee and will ask if this is a software that can be obtained.
- B. Survey on Tuition Rates/PhD timelines (*DeBoef*)
 - 1. Dean DeBoef informed the council of his goal to make it less expensive to hire graduate students on grants and provide incentives for graduate students to progress through their graduate careers on time. Dean DeBoef provided a timeline example and will send Program Directors a survey to obtain feedback.
- C. Application questions on criminal backgrounds (*DeBoef*)
 - 1. Dean DeBoef informed the council that it is now illegal in several states to ask applicants about their criminal backgrounds. The Graduate School has removed this question from admission applications with the exception of the Physical Therapy and Dietetics applications since those are managed by the professional organizations. The admissions application may include a clause stating that a background check may be required for the clinical component of the program they are applying to. The Program Directors survey will also ask Program Directors if their program requires a background check to determine which programs may need a clause.

V. Old Business

- A. ABM Policies (*DeBoef*)
 - ★ *Motion to approve the proposed changes to the ABM policies*
 - *Approved*
 - *1 Council Member Abstained*
- B. Reinstatement Fee Policies (*DeBoef*)
 - ★ *Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Reinstatement Fee Policies*
 - *Approved*

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

Notice of Change

Data Science - Online Certificate

- ★ *Approved*

Medical Physics

- ★ *Approved*

Pharmaceutical Sciences - Comp Exams

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

Pharmaceutical Sciences - Health Outcomes Track

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

MA Education - Reading

- ★ *Approved*

VII. Graduate Curriculum (See Google Drive for Curriculum Proposals) (DeBoef)

400-Level Course Changes

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

CSF 434 Network and Systems Security

Advanced security topics including intrusion detection, penetration testing, incident response, malware analysis, and risk management. (Online) Pre: CSF 432. Not for graduate credit.

Allow for graduate credit

- ★ *Approved*

500-Level Course Changes

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

AFS 415/515 Fisheries Ecology

capture fisheries worldwide. Relationship between aspects of fishing, habitats, and community structure along with assessment methods. PRE: Enrolled in Online Graduate Certificate in Fisheries Science or permission of instructor.

Course number change and create online version

- ★ *Approved*

500-Level New Course Proposals

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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.

- ★ *Approved*

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

BES 510 Research Grant Management

This course introduces strategies for identifying, applying to, and managing research grants. Topics include understanding grant opportunities, federal requirements, and templates; satisfies URI's Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training. Graduate standing or permission of instructor

- ★ *Approved*

BES 521 Rhetorical Field Methods for Science Communication

This course offers rhetorical training for field-based science communication. Students will gain knowledge of theories, methods, and practices appropriate to writing about field experiences and communicating field research. Graduate standing or permission of instructor

- ★ *Approved*

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

(TABLED) HIS 501

Advanced Topics in European History

Subject and course content will vary from semester to semester. Student work will emphasize historiographical analysis and specialized research materials. May be repeated for credit with different topics. PRE: May be repeated twice with change of topic for a maximum of 6 credits. PRE: A student may not take both HIS401 and HIS501 on the same topic or as determined by the department chair. Acceptance into History graduate program or History ABM program.

(TABLED) HIS 541

Advanced Topics in 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. May be repeated for credit with different topics. May be repeated twice with change of topic for a maximum of 6 credits. PRE: A student may not take both HIS441 and HIS541 on the same topic or as determined by the department chair. Acceptance into History graduate program or the History ABM program.

(TABLED) HIS 595

Non-Thesis Writing Project

Development of skills in historical research and writing and in the critical analysis of historical works. PRE: HIS 501, HIS 541, or HIS 581. A student may not take both HIS495 and HIS595 on the same topic or as determined by the department chair.

MUS 509

Graduate Enrichment Seminar

To offer graduate students enrichment in a secondary instrument (including composition and conducting) to count as elective. Minimum competencies equivalent to a 410 level in this secondary field are required. PRE: Graduate level, Permission of instructor.

★ Approved

VIII. Adjournment

★ Chairperson Vetter asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Graduate Council on November 29, 2021



Brenton DeBoef, Dean of the Graduate School