

Graduate Council Meeting No. 550 November 7, 2022 via Zoom | Minutes

Council Members Present: James Agostinucci, Araceli Bonifant, Patricia Crawford, Susan DeSanto-Madeya, Cheryl Foster, Shingo Goto, Steven Gregory, Rabia Hos, J. Jennifer Jones, Martha Rojas, Angela Slitt, Karen Walton Morse, Jing Jian Xiao

Council Members Absent: Ali Akanda, Brenton DeBoef, Aaron Ley

Graduate School Present: Jessica Coyle, Corinne Kulesh, Cara Mitnick, and Colleen Mouw

I. Call to order

★ *The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Chair Angela Slitt.*

II. Approval of Minutes - Meeting No. 549, October 11, 2022

★ *Motion to approve the minutes for meeting 549 on October 11, 2022*
○ *Approved*

III. Announcements

A. Program Directors Meeting & Professional Programs Meeting Recap (*DeBoef*)

★ *Topic tabled until next Graduate Council meeting*

1. [Program Directors Handbook](#) (*Kulesh*)

a) Associate Director Kulesh presented the Program Directors Handbook that was introduced during the Fall Program Directors Meeting. The handbook includes information regarding admission and enrollment procedures.

B. EGRA Review Process (*Mitnick & Mouw*)

1. Associate Director Mitnick announced that we received 63 EGRA applications. Council members were reminded to submit review scores by Friday, November 18th. Associate Dean Mouw mentioned that at the next council meeting, council members will meet with their sub group to discuss application scores. Dr. Mouw reminded the council that upcoming Dean's Fellowship, Tuition Scholarship, First-Year Dean's Diversity Fellowship, and First-Year Doctoral Fellowship award competitions will open on December 2nd. An announcement email will be sent to faculty.

C. Graduate housing update (*DeBoef*)

1. Associate Director Mitnick informed the council that the 24 Graduate Village units previously deemed uninhabitable will now receive funding for repairs and should be ready by Fall 2023. The Board of Trustees recognizes that the severe shortage of housing for graduate students is a major impediment to graduate growth and will take steps for improvement. Undergraduate freshmen housing will go back to three students to a dorm room. Graduate Village lease policy will also be reviewed. There will be a possibility for undergraduate dorms to become available during the summer term for graduate students who have a 9 month lease.

- D. Strategic planning update (*DeBoef*)
★ *Topic tabled until next Graduate Council meeting*
- E. Recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty (*Mouw*)
Laura Hamman-Ortiz, Assistant Professor, CEPS
Mariusz Furmanek, Assistant Professor, CHS
Fenix Garcia Tigreros, Assistant Professor, GSO
David Lagomasino, Outside Scholar, GSO
Alan Davis, Adjunct, COE

IV. New Graduate Programs & Notice of Change

Notice of Change

Nursing PhD (*proposal through Kualii*) - Change in credit requirements
★ Approved

Ph.D. in Computer and Statistical Sciences (new track in statistics) - The new version of the program will have two tracks. The track in Computer Science will have only minor modifications compared to the current program and the track in Statistics will be completely new. The idea behind this proposal is to allow Statistics to have doctoral students, and to foster the collaboration between the two sections of the Department.

- ★ Approved
- ★ 1 council member abstained

Ph.D. Mathematics – Add track Mathematical Statistics and Probability - The proposed track, mathematical statistics and probability, does not fit into either current track as it is a unique combination of pure and applied mathematics. The new track reflects on the recently growing area of applications and theoretical development at the intersection of probability theory and statistics. This unique blend between pure and applied mathematics, probability theory/applications and mathematical statistics, makes this combination uniquely deserving a track in the Ph.D. program.

- ★ Approved
- ★ 1 council member abstained

PHP Pharmaceuticals & Pharmacokinetics MS (*proposal through Kualii*) - The current language for the pharmaceuticals and pharmacokinetics specialization did not specify enough didactic courses to ensure the students were met programmatic goals. Description change and course changes

- ★ Approved
- ★ 1 council member abstained

PHP Pharmaceuticals & Pharmacokinetics PhD (*proposal through Kualii*) - The current language for the pharmaceuticals and pharmacokinetics specialization for the Doctor of Philosophy did not specify enough didactic courses to ensure the students were met programmatic goals, specifically for pharmaceuticals coursework.

- ★ Approved
- ★ 1 council member abstained

Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design MS (*proposal through Kualii*) - The TMD Department will require a Written Master's Examination ("comprehensive examination") for graduate students taking the non-thesis option in the TMD program as part of the process toward completion of their degree. Description and credit change.

- ★ Approved

New Program Proposals

Social Media Certificate (*proposal through Kualii*) - The Social Media Certificate Program offers students evidence-based social media strategies and practical social media skills to maximize business growth and enhance positive relationships with various stakeholders. By completing the program, students will be able to analyze social media data and utilize social media to meet various business goals and objectives, such as marketing, advertising, public relations, and communication.

★ Approved

V. Graduate Curriculum (*Proposals through Kualii*)

500-Level Course Changes

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

(TABLE) CVE 560 Applied Finite Element Analysis

(3 crs.) Direct stiffness method. Rayleigh-Ritz and Galerkin methods. Isoparametric elements. Frames, trusses, plane stress and strain. Bending of thin plates. Solve real-world engineering problems using Abaqus and LS-Dyna. (Lec. 3) Pre: MCE 372, CVE 453, or permission of instructor.

Change in title and prerequisite

(TABLE) MCE 568 Theory of Plates

(3 crs.) Cross-listed as (MCE), CVE 568. Development of basic plate equations. Classical solution examples of rectangular and circular plates. Additional topics selected from orthotropic plates, large deflections, finite element, and numerical solutions. (Lec. 3) Pre: CVE 220 and MTH 244 or 362, or permission of instructor.

Change in prerequisite

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE

CMD 594 Counseling in Communicative Disorders

(2 crs.) Considerations in counseling in speech-language pathology. Multiple factors influencing communication between client/family and professionals. Study of ethical and professional issues that aligns with ASHA standards. (Lec. 1) Pre: graduate standing or permission of instructor. In alternate years.

Increase if credits and description edits.

★ Approved

NFS 591 Research Problems

(1-4 crs.) Advanced work under supervision of a staff member. Arranged to suit individual requirements of students. (Independent Study) Pre: permission of chairperson. May be repeated for up to 6 credits.

Offering course in the accelerated online calendar

★ Approved

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

PHP 504 Health Care Systems

LEC: (3 crs.) Analysis of the U.S. health care system, including care delivery, and economic, finance, payment and policy perspectives, with emphasis on medication use (Lec.3) Pre: Open to pharmacy graduate students, and graduate students from other programs with permission of the instructor.

Change in title, credits, and description

★ Approved

500-Level New Course Proposals

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

MCE 569 Extreme Mechanics

Explores the shockwave mechanics from high-energy sources such as explosives in air and underwater, as well as the fluid-structure interaction during shock events. Topics covered include shockwave propagation in air, water, and elastic solids, as well as structural deformation and modeling.

★ Approved

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

(TABLE) LHR 532 Seminar in Labor and Employment Law

Advanced seminar to review and evaluate current issues and changing trends in selected aspects of labor and employment law. May be repeated for credit with different topic, for maximum of 6 credits. (Seminar) Pre: graduate standing or permission of Labor Research Center director.

(TABLE) LHR 546 Negotiation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Examination of the interpersonal dynamics of negotiations and conflict resolution processes, including interest-based or collaborative bargaining in a variety of contexts; e.g. labor relations, community, environmental, divorce, racial, commercial. (Lec. 3) Pre: graduate standing or permission of Labor Research Center Director.

600-Level New Course Proposals

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

SCM 610 Social Media for Strategic Communication

This course introduces social media concepts and skills for strategic communication. Students will learn social media communication strategies to meet various organizational/business goals.

- ★ 6 council members opposed
- ★ 3 council members abstained
- ★ 3 council members approved

SCM 611 Social Media Branding

Social media platforms play an essential role in how organizations communicate with their audiences. This course will introduce strategies for developing an effective social media branding campaign. You will learn how to set measurable campaign goals and use storytelling techniques to create diverse and accessible content for appropriate social media Campaigns.

- ★ 6 council members opposed
- ★ 3 council members abstained
- ★ 3 council members approved

SCM 612 Modes of Creative Content Creation

Offers an introduction to modern content creation, with specific focus on best practices for social media applications. Students will engage in crafting creative briefs, pre-production, production and post production.

- ★ 6 council members opposed
- ★ 3 council members abstained
- ★ 3 council members approved

SCM 613 Social Media Analytics and Listening

This course introduces students to social media listening tools. Students will learn how to analyze public opinions, companies' images, online groups, and influencers.

- ★ 6 council members opposed
- ★ 3 council members abstained
- ★ 3 council members approved

VI. New Business

- A. Revisions to the Graduate Manual, Section 7.57.1.2
★ *Topic tabled until next Graduate Council meeting*
- B. Revisions to the Graduate Manual, Section 7.58.1
★ *Topic tabled until next Graduate Council meeting*
- C. Revisions to the Graduate Manual, Section 8.41
★ *Topic tabled until next Graduate Council meeting*
- D. Revisions to the Graduate Manual, Appendix I, Section 1.0
 - 1. Council members provided feedback. Topic will be discussed further at the next Graduate Council meeting.
- E. Discussion: Implications of expanding ABD and reducing credit requirements for PhD programs
★ *Topic tabled until next Graduate Council meeting*

VII. Adjournment

- ★ *Chairperson Slitt asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.*

Minutes approved by the Graduate Council on November 21, 2022



Brenton DeBoef, Dean of the Graduate School