

Graduate Council Meeting No. 551 November 21, 2022 via Zoom | Minutes

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

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

- I. **Call to order - 2:06 pm**
 - ★ *The meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm by Chair Angela Slitt.*
- II. **Approval of Minutes - Meeting No. 550, November 7, 2022**
 - ★ *Motion to approve the minutes for meeting 550 on November 7, 2022*
 - *Approved*
- III. **Conferral of December Graduate Degrees (DeBoef)**
 - ★ *Move to recommend the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees approval of the candidates of the award of graduate degrees whose names will be certified by the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, and the Graduate School for December 2022 graduation.*
 - *Approved*
- IV. **Announcements**
 - A. **Program Directors Meeting & Professional Programs Meeting Recap (DeBoef)**
 1. Dean DeBoef provided a brief recap on the Program Directors meeting and Professional Programs meeting. The Program Directors meeting focused on receiving feedback regarding the Graduate School's goals from the university's strategic plan. The Professional Programs meeting discussed enrollment and admission standards for professional programs. The Graduate School will continue to have program specific meetings going forward. The next meeting will be for Ph.D. Programs scheduled for Spring.
 - B. **Professional Development Update (Mitnick)**
 1. Associate Director Mitnick announced the LinkedIn Program that included a professional photographer on site to take headshots was very successful with 33 students in attendance. A slideshow of upcoming professional development programs was displayed. The Graduate Writing Center will be open during Winter J-Term.
 - C. **Strategic planning update (DeBoef)**
 1. Dean DeBoef announced that the link provided for the strategic plan is the most recent version and approved by the Board of Trustees. The Graduate School will start developing their strategic plan that will map to the university's graduate goals. The Graduate School is hosting a Town Hall with Graduate students next week as well as moving up the Graduate Faculty Summit to receive input on the strategic plan.

V. Graduate Curriculum (Mouw)

400-Level New Course Proposals

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE

CMD 495 Snapshots of Experimental Methods in Neuroscience

(3 crs.) This course is designed to provide knowledge about current research methodologies within neuroscience used in research, assessment, and intervention of communication processes and disorders. PRE: Take one of the following courses: NUR 213, KIN 122, CMD 280G, OR CMD 377, BIO 220, NEU 101

- ★ Motion to approve 400-level new course proposal CMD 495 and recommend to remove the word 'or'
 - Approved

VI. New Business

- A. EGRA Committee Reviews (45 minutes)
 - 1. The Graduate Council went into breakout rooms to meet with their review committee to discuss the EGRA application scores as well as provide comments for each applicant.
- B. Revisions to the Graduate Manual, Section 7.57.1.2
 - ★ *Motion to approve proposed changes to Graduate Manual section 7.57.1.2*
 - *Approved*
- C. Revisions to the Graduate Manual, Section 7.58.1
 - ★ *Motion to approve proposed changes to Graduate Manual section 7.58.1*
 - *Approved*
- D. Revisions to the Graduate Manual, Section 8.41
 - ★ *Motion to approve proposed changes to Graduate Manual section 8.41*
 - *Approved*
- E. Revisions to the Graduate Manual, Appendix I, Section 1.0 and 3.0
 - ★ *Topic tabled until next Graduate Council meeting*
- F. 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 3:59 pm*

Minutes approved by the Graduate Council on February 13, 2023



Brenton DeBoef, Dean of the Graduate School