

Graduate Council Meeting No. 529 February 10, 2020 Minutes

Council Members Present: Jacqueline Britto, Feruz Ganikhanov, Nisa Ghonem, Joshua Gyllinsky, Kathy Hutchinson, Amanda Izenstark, Kathryn Jervis, Stephen Kogut, Ingrid Lofgren, Mary Moen, Colleen Mouw, Minsuk Shim (*representing Theresa Deeney*), Fred Vetter, Mehmet Gokhan Yalcin

Council Members Absent: Theresa Deeney, Bethany Jenkins, Cara Mitnick, Derek Nikitas, Kimberly Rivera, Ted Walls

Graduate School Present: Nasser Zawia, Brenton DeBoef, Alycia Mosley Austin, Jessica Martinez

I. Call to order

➤ Time: 2:02 pm by Colleen Mouw, Chair

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 528, 27 January 2020 (please see attachments)

★ Motion to approve the minutes.

- Majority approved
- Abstained: Ingrid Lofgren (not present during last meeting)

III. Announcements

- A. Graduate Faculty Summit 'Best Practices & New Programs at URI' - (DeBoef)
Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at the Multicultural Student Services Center Hardge Forum
 - 1. Bringing in an outside speaker that has been involved in bringing in new innovative programs.
- B. Call for nominations made through InfoReady:
 - Excellence in Doctoral Research, Excellence in Master's Thesis Research, and Excellence in Graduate Mentoring
 - Dean's Fellowship, Dean's Diversity Fellowship, and Tuition Scholarship
 - Shared, Diversity, and Graduate Writing Center Graduate Teaching Assistantships
 - 1. Nominations were announced.
 - 2. Rubrics will remain the same and available on the InfoReady website.
 - 3. Each program can nominate up to three students for the Dean's Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship and there's an unlimited number of nominations for the Dean's Diversity Fellowship.
- C. Graduate Commencement Student Speaker
 - 1. The Graduate School will announce to the current graduate graduating class that we will be accepting applications for this year's graduate student commencement speaker. **Traditionally was the GSA president. New format will be inline with the undergrad speaker**

IV. New Business

- A. Appeals Board (Zawia)
 - 1. A Graduate Student Academic Appeals Board will need to be convened and members nominated.
 - 2. Create a Board of 5 members.
 - a) GSA nominates two students and one faculty member.

- b) The Graduate Council nominates two tenured faculty members.
- 3. Jessica can coordinate meetings and administrative duties.
- 4. Two appeal cases, one from the College of Business and the other from Chemical Engineering.
 - a) Dismissed for academic reasons and for other reasons.
 - b) College originates the dismissal process.
- 5. Graduate Council Nominations:
 - a) Email will be sent with nominations and the council will vote digitally.
 - b) Contact Jessica with any alternate nominations.

B. Micro Credentials Policy (*Mosley-Austin*)

- 1. New appendix to Graduate manual would provide a framework for non-credit bearing co-curricular micro-credentials that can be awarded as digital badges.
- 2. The Diversity and Inclusion Badge Program (DIBP) is in its fifth semester and has worked with ITS and Publications to make a process for awarding these badges digitally. DIBP will be using 'Badgr' to award the badges.
 - a) Students can place this credential on their LinkedIn or on their websites. It will provide a link for employers or anyone else interested to click and get more information about what they had to complete, what the program objectives were, and what experiences they had to meet for this credential.
- 3. Recommendation to make minor edits:
 - a) Add clear graduate level specific language throughout appendix.
 - b) Within section 3.0, reword assessment language.
 - c) Add matriculated specific language.

★ *Motion to approve Appendix L with the modifications that have been raised in discussion.*

- *Majority approved*
- *Abstained: Joshua Gyllinsky*

V. Old Business

A. Admissions requirements for online certificates for international students residing abroad (*Mosley-Austin*)

- 1. The URI online group has many proposals and one approved program for a certificate that they would like to be available to International students. They will only enroll International students in certificates, without being in a degree program, if they're part of a program where there is a designated partner in the country of where the students will be in Residence.
- 2. Any online certificate would be offered to International students when there are defined Partnerships such that the university would have a license and all permissions legal necessary to award an academic credential in that country.
- 3. Request to remove the sentence that prevents International students from obtaining an online certificate. International students must be enrolled in a graduate degree program. The reason why that sentence is there is because students can't get a visa to come to the US only to complete a certificate.

★ *Motion to remove sentence "International students must be enrolled in a graduate program" in Appendix J.1.0.*

- *Unanimously approved*

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

500-Level Course Changes

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

MBA 584 Buyer Behavior

Analysis of major factors influencing the behavior and demand of consumers. Emphasis on using these factors to identify and segment target markets and to assess the effects of these factors on markets. 3 credits Changing course from lecture to online. 3 credits

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★ *Unanimously approved*

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CVE/OCG 480/580 Introduction to Marine Pollution

An introductory course in marine pollution emphasizing geochemical aspects of the sources, transport, and fate of pollutants in the coastal marine environment. *3 credits*

Cross-listing as CVE/OCG 480/580.

★ *Unanimously approved*

Notice of Change

Political Science – Creation of an Accelerated Bachelors/Masters from the International Studies BA, and the Political Science BA programs to the Master's in International Relations or Political Science. Additional change of core course and elective requirements.

★ *Unanimously approved*

★ *Abstained: Josh G.*

VII. Adjournment

➤ **Time: 3:08 pm by Colleen Mouw, Chair**