

Graduate Council Committee

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom at 12:00 pm

Members Present:

Wall College of Business – Hongxia Wang for Sourav Batabyal, Olajumoke Awe
Spadoni College of Education –Richard Costner, Austin Hitt
Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts –Joe Oestreich, Emma Howes
College of Science –Scott Parker, Erin Hackett
HTC Honors College and Center for Interdisciplinary Studies – Jennifer Mokos
Dean of the College of Graduate Studies & Research – Rob Young
Faculty Senate – Justin Lovich
Registrar’s Office –David Yancey for Stacy Wyeth
Library Services – Eric Resnis

Guests:

Holley Tankersley	Anthony Setari
Colleen McGlone	Christian Smith
Corinne Dalelio	
Mark Mitchell	
Richard Viso	
Gary Schmidt	
Cobi Christianson	

I. Call to Order and approval of minutes

The motion to approve the November 04, 2020 minutes was moved by Joe Oestreich and seconded by Jennifer Mokos. The minutes were approved.

II. Chair Report:

- A. Graduate enrollment was down in Fall 2020. However, that is almost entirely due to fewer contract courses from local school systems during the pandemic. The number of degree seeking students is nearly unchanged (from 580 the previous fall to 577).
- B. Undergraduate admissions has been exploring test-optional admissions. This is a good time for all graduate programs to also review their admission requirements and consider whether they would like a change in their testing requirements.

III. Consent Agenda: (Form A: Proposal(s) for Revisions to a Graduate Course)

The following item was removed from the consent agenda in order for the committee to

singularly review it:

- a) ID #52 MALS 600 – Core Seminar. A motion was made by Joe Oestreich and seconded by Olajumoke Awe to reject the submission and send it back to the department to consider whether a change in course number was warranted. The motion passed (the proposed course change was not approved).

The rest of the consent agenda passed with unanimous consent.

IV. New Business:

A. Form B: Proposal(s) for Changes in a Graduate Program

College of Science

Marine Science: Coastal and Marine Systems Science

1. ID#120 The proposal is to combine the M.S. and Ph.D. program cores, thus requiring fewer classes to be offered.

The motion to approve was made by Erin Hackett and seconded by Joe Oestreich. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Holley Tankersley announced that any new program proposals must be finalized and ready in April for the BOT in May.

Meeting adjourned 12:40