



Graduate Council
April 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes
11:30 a.m. in EHFA 164

Attendees: Wes Fondren, Elizabeth Baltés, Sourav Batabyal, Teresa Burns, Roi Gurka, Erin Hackett, Susanne Horn for Anthony Setari, Emma Howes, Hsing-Wen Hu, Leann Mischel, Amanda Siegrist, Stacy Wyeth

Not present: Kelly Elliot, Jennifer Mokos

Wes Fondren called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The minutes from the March 1, 2023 Graduate Council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

The following items were removed from the consent agenda to be discussed separately:

A. College of Humanities and Fine Arts

- COMM 501 Communication Leadership
- COMM 509 Public Relations
- COMM 515 Organizational Communication and Social Responsibility
- COMM 560 Persuasion

Wes Fondren moved for unanimous consent to deny these proposals. The motion passed with no objections.

The remaining items on the [Consent Agenda](#) passed with unanimous consent.

Committee Chair, Wes Fondren presented the chair's report

- A new manuscript submission system for thesis and dissertations is now live. It uses Perceptive Content for the approval process. This new process is anticipated to be a faster process that the student can track better. Communication has gone out to deans, associate deans and coordinators. At the next roundtable, the system will be demonstrated.
- New staff position for the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies is being worked on and will be posted soon. The role will include graduate operations, graduate student success, and graduate student wellness. The goal is to have someone in this position before summer begins.
- The office is one month ahead of moving graduate admissions over to Slate (program used for undergraduate admissions). There have been training sessions for graduate coordinators and a demonstration of the program will be shown at the next round table meeting.

New Business

A. Graduate New Course Form

i. College of Education and Social Sciences

Amanda Siegrist moved to approve the following proposals as a block:

- EDST 685 Robotics Education
- STEM 640 STEAM Implementation

- STEM 660 Trends and Issues in STEM Education
 - STEM 670 STEM Instructional Methods
- Sourav Batabyal seconded, and the motion passed.

- STEM 650 Nature of Science

Anthony Setari moved to suggest the following course title modifications to the initiator of the proposal (if title can be modified):

- Understanding Scientific Study
- Understanding the Nature of Science
- Nature of Science in Education

Roi Gurka seconded, and the motion passed.

Leann Mischel moved to accept the new name once selected. Sourav Batabyal seconded, and the motion passed.

- ii. College of Humanities and Fine Arts
 - MALS 530 Advanced topics in Museum Studies
Elizabeth Baltes moved to approve the proposal. Roi Gurka seconded, and the motion passed.
 - MALS 550 Digital Humanities
Leann Mischel moved to approve proposal. Emma Howes seconded, and the motion passed.

B. Graduate Course Removal Form

- i. College of Humanities and Fine Arts
 - [ENGL 635 Topics in American Literature](#)
Emma Howes moved to approve the proposal. Sourav Batabyal seconded and the motion passed.

C. Graduate Program Change

- i. College of Humanities and Fine Arts
 - Master of Arts in Writing (M.A.)
Emma Howes moved to approve the proposal. Elizabeth Baltes seconded, and the motion passed

D. Policy review/changes

Sourav Batabyal moved to approve the following policy changes:

- ACAD 109_ New Program Development and Modification
- ACAD 125_ Course Development and Modification
- ACAD 126_ Graduate Program and Curriculum Routing

Leann Mischel seconded, and the motion passed.

Announcements/Good of the Order

- Roi Gurka brought up matter of dissertation and thesis committee construction. This topic will be discussed further at the next Graduate Council Meeting.

With no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Genovevo

Curriculum Management Coordinator

**Graduate Council Consent Agenda
April 5, 2023**

- I. Graduate Course Change Form
 - A. College of Humanities and Fine Arts
 - COMM 575 Graduate Communication Theory
 - ENGL 628 Topics in British and / or American Literature
 - B. College of Education and Social Sciences
 - PHED 780 Politics and Policy of Education