

Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee

February 5, 2020

12:30 pm

Minutes

Voting members present: Doug Moodie, Tridib Banyopadhyay, Meng Han, Yi Jin, , Cheryl McLester, Rene McClatchey, LeeAnn Lands, Marina Koether, Debbie Smith, Heather Scott, Reza Parizi, Susan Smith, Charity Butcher

Voting members absent: Ameen Farooq, Pavan Meadati, Bill Bailey

Meeting called to order at 12:31pm

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda - Doug Moodie 1st, Charity Butcher 2nd. Approved.
2. Tabled approval of GPCC Minutes from January 22, 2020, not yet uploaded.
3. Review of Executive Committee Minutes (1/29/2020)
4. Agenda items:
 - o **A. MAT -**
Faculty members from Teaching, MAT presented proposed changes to program, discontinuation of courses, changes to courses, and new courses. The main objective is to upgrade and refresh the program. One hour course model changes to 3 hour course model, changes due to Woodrow Wilson scholarship program no longer relevant, to align with state and federal level requirements, and to increase rigor for master level students. Question was posed why the changes from one hour courses to 3 hour courses. Answered that the one hour credit courses started with Woodrow Wilson and did not play out as intended. S. Smith brought up that some of the objectives were not in the usual format (ex: MAED 6418). M Koether brought up a grading issue in the SCED courses. D. Moodie asked why there were 9 hours in the summer, seems like students will have to work twice as hard in the summer. Answer: Most students work in the Fall and Spring as teachers, but not in the summer. T Bandy Question: You are proposing to drop GRE? Answer: Yes, it is in the program proposal. Question: Are you adding something other than GRE? Answer: No, entrance based on state requirements, and GRE redundant information, there are other factors being considered.
Doug Moodie moved to accept changes to MAT with associated courses provided a change to the objectives in the MAED courses and the assessments in the SCED courses and waive second reading. Charity Butcher 2nd. Motion Approved.
 - o INED 6410, 6411, 6412, 6400, 6630, 6640, 7650, 6650, 6651, 6660, 6661, 7620, 7630, 7660, 7663, 7680, 6421, 6422, 6423, 6431
 - o EDUC 6240
 - o MAED 6414, 6416, 6418, 6650, 6600
 - o MATH 7495, 7595
 - o SCED 6412, 6418, 6650, 6414, 6416, 6660
 - o **B. Information Systems, MSIS Program Change**
Tridib Bandy presented on proposed program change. He explained the motives for the changes include need to stay relevant, perceived need of stakeholders, student input, and need to prepare students who look for concentration areas. Proposal include minimizing prerequisites, and two new courses, IS 8340: Ethical Hacking and Proactive Management and ECON 8710: Statistics for Business Analysis. D. Moodie asked why prefix IS used instead of ISA. Answer: ISA is used for undergraduate courses. N. Palamiotis asked: How many hours for

a certificate? Answer: 12. Question: Had they thought about embedding? Answer: Will collect feedback to see if we need to tweak certificate.

Doug Moodie motioned to accept the program change with associated new courses and waive second reading. R. McClatchey 2nd. Motion Approved.

- IS 8340
- ECON 8710

C. Business Administration Ph.D. Program

Brian Rutherford presented on changes to PhD program in Business Administration. Change to the 48 hour program, 33 hours course work and 15 hours dissertation work. Instead of 3 discipline specific concentrations there would be 4, Business Research Methodology would change from 4 courses to 5. Also want to get rid of course in how to transition to PhD studies since students are already teaching in universities. Most of the changes are to clean up course numbers, course names, and course descriptions as needed.

Doug Moodie motioned to accept the program change with associated courses and waive second reading. Tridib Bandy 2nd. Motion Approved.

- ACCT 9007, 9008, 9001, 9005, 9006, 9900
- BRM 9201, 9202, 9203, 9204, 9205
- IS 9001, 9005, 9006, 9007, 9008, 9900
- MGT 9001, 9005, 9006, 9007, 9008, 9900
- MKTG 9001, 9005, 9006, 9007, 9008, 9900

D. Graduate Certificate in Software Engineering Foundations

- Paola Spoletini presented on proposed changes in the certificate to reduce hours from 36 to 30 to be in line with other programs. The reduction would occur by removing 6743 and one elective. Dr. Spoletini also proposed changing prerequisites, electives, and S and U grading instead of letter grades A-D. Also proposed to streamline admission of their undergraduates to their graduate program: students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher would be accepted into the graduate program. Tridib Bandy asked what the requirements are for others to enter program? Answer: No GRE, 2.75 GPA, 2 recommendation letters and a statement of purpose. S. Smith asked if admission could be denied if an undergraduate with a GPA of 3.5 applied. Answer: No. Dr. Smith objected to only look at GPA. D. Moodie asked if the streamlining would apply to former graduates since proposal says “current”? Answer: Former graduates would have to go through regular admission process. Question: Why only use one criterion for undergraduates in the program to enter the master’s program, the GPA measure? Answer: We know they will be successful. Question: You cannot exclude based on other issues? Answer: No. There was a move to approve changes except for streamlining of admission of undergraduates. However, Amy Jones explained that either GPCC would have to vote on the proposal as it stands, or we would have to table voting, and ask the college faculty for confirmation they want to streamline using GPA only or come back with a new proposal.

- D. Moodie motioned to table proposal. Susan Smith 2nd. Yes = 4, No = 5, Abstain = 1
- LeeAnn Lands motioned to accept on first read, not waive second read and asked for confirmation that the GPCC concern about the streamlined admissions policy is disclosed and either confirm that this is the will of the faculty and all other voting bodies, or provide an additional measure for streamlined admission, which also needs to be confirmed as the will of the faculty and all other bodies. Charity Butcher 2nd Yes = 10, No = 1, Abstain = 1
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- Doug Moodie motioned to adjourn. LeeAnn Lands 2nd. Approved Meeting adjourned at 1:59pm.