

**UNL Graduate Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 12, 2017**  
**206 Seaton Hall – 3:30 pm**

Present: Tim Carr, presiding; Christina Falci, Laurie Thomas Lee, Clinton Rowe, Jennifer Clarke, Daniel Clausen, Yusong Li, Terri Eastin, Donna Hahn

Absent: David Smith, Ted Hamann, Rhonda Fuelberth, Karen Da Silva

Approval of minutes from March 9, 2017

- Motion was made to approve minutes from the March 9, 2017 meeting. Motion passed.

Announcements

Introductions of new members/attendees: Donna Hahn, Assistant Dean and Director of Operations for Graduate Studies beginning 10/23/17; Terri Eastin, Master's Specialist/Graduate Studies; Jennifer Clarke, Food Science & Technology; Yusong Li, Civil Engineering; Daniel Clausen, GSA Assembly representative

Proposal for new minor in Developmental and Learning Sciences

Discussion: This minor has been available under the Department of Educational Psychology at the MA and PhD level, but without the proposed title. Proposal is to define a title for the minor to encourage student interest as well as have the minor appropriately listed on a student transcript.

- Motion made to approve this minor; motion passed.

Proposal for new minor in Quantitative, Qualitative and Psychometric Methods

Discussion: Department of Educational Psychology is proposing a minor in QQPM where the 12 credits of course work must come from a prescribed list within EDPS. The Department Chairs of Statistics and Educational Psychology are meeting the week of October 16 to discuss the composition of the minor. Statistics is requesting the Graduate Council table this proposal until after the meeting takes place. Concerns: Potential impact of overlapping courses between the two departments; frequency of courses offerings; proposal calls for all 12 hrs within EDPS; proposal is for a stand-alone minor; minor is meant for students outside of the major department and currently this is a minor within EDPS, thus, EDPS majors could not take this minor. Potentially could be an interdisciplinary minor with several departments.

- Jennifer Clarke will report on the outcome of the meeting between the department chairs and Tim Carr will send out an email ballot to the Graduate Council.
- Motion made to table until further information is received; Motion passed.

Proposal for new certificate in Rural Economic and Community Vitality

Discussion: Proposal is for a distance only certificate program with a minimum of 12 hours directed toward enhancing a career in community development. Students apply and can be accepted directly into the certificate program or accepted concurrently into a degree program in Agricultural Economics.

- Motion made to approve this certificate program; motion passed.

### Proposal for new MS in Interior Design

Discussion: Currently, the master's program is an MS in Architecture with a specialization in Interior Design; proposal is partly to provide a marketing tool for the area of interior design and an identity for the specific discipline area.

Motion made to approve this MS program; motion passed.

### Proposal for new MA specialization in Apparel Design

### Proposal for new PhD specialization in Apparel Design

### Proposal for new MA specialization in Material Culture and Textile Studies

### Proposal for new PhD specialization in Material Culture and Textile Studies

Discussion: Proposals are to define specific areas of study to prepare students for better job opportunities and serve as a recruiting tool to specify concentrations in these areas.

- Council would like clarification on how the MA specializations are different from the MA in Textiles, Merchandising & Fashion Design as well as clarification of the term 'minor' in the proposal.
- Council would like clarification of how the PhD specializations fit under the major of Human Sciences/TMFD/Apparel Design or Material Culture and Textile Studies as these proposals would be a specialization under a specialization
- Motion to table for further information from TMFD. Tim Carr to meet with Terri Eastin and Eva Bachman (Graduate Studies) and with TMFD. Request TMFD representative attend the next Graduate Council meeting. Motion passed.

### Graduate Student Assembly Report

Reported by Daniel Clausen:

- Long time Assembly President Ignacio Correias graduated and has moved on
- A letter has been drafted to be sent to administration about academic freedom and roles of graduate students from an Ad hoc Bill of Rights committee
- Graduate travel awards: Currently accepting applicants and looking for reviewers.
  - Program is in its second year
  - \$4000 available to award each semester; receive 70+ applications and award 10
  - Applications accepted up to \$400 for domestic travel and \$600 for international travel

### Other business

No items.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Submitted by: Donna Hahn