

UNL Graduate Council Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2018
206 Seaton Hall
3:30 pm

Present: Tim Carr, presiding; Ted Hamann, Jennifer Clarke, Daniel Clausen, Yusong Li, Rhonda Fuelberth, Christina Falci, Donna Hahn

Absent: Clinton Rowe, David Smith, Laurie Lee, Karen Da Silva

Approval of November 9, 2017 minutes

- Motion was made to accept minutes; motion passed.

Announcements

- Modification of existing programs
 - Tim Carr discussed the policy on page 42 of the NU Graduate College Policy Handbook. Changes historically were assigned as ‘major’ or ‘minor’ changes by the Graduate Dean. However, the Handbook states that all items should go to Graduate Council first. After discussion, the consensus was to use a “Consent Agenda” for Graduate Council items – for routine items, the Council will be informed by saving in the Box folder and then listing on the agenda in a group. Major items will continue to be put on the full agenda and discussed at the following Graduate Council meeting.

Old Business

- QQPM minor – proposal was withdrawn by the EDPS department chair for further department refinement and resubmission. It may be resubmitted as a Graduate Certificate.
- EDPS MA specialization in Institutional Research (version 2) - Modifications have been made.
 - Discussion: This is listed as “Inter” departmental; should it be “Intra” departmental? Based on taking two courses in EDAD. Form is set up as “Interdepartmental”; a specialization may be entirely in one department or not. The listed required courses do not contain information included in suggested courses, but yet the practicum is required. Department indicates the topic is well known in the field. They have been training students in this area and this is a way to reflect it on a student transcript.
 - Motion passed.

- TMFD PhD specializations
 - History: TMFD proposed specializations in main areas of their department at master's and doctorate level so would no longer need the umbrella specialization for the department (Human Sciences with specialization in TMFD)
 - Each specialization lacked core courses that defined the specialization; student could potentially select coursework that would make each degree identical.
 - Updated PhD specializations (Apparel Design, Material Culture and Textile Studies and Merchandising) now contain a set of core courses for each specialization; have shared elective courses.
 - Motion for 3 specializations passed.

Program Termination Appeal (Computer Science doctoral study)

- History: Department recommended termination of doctoral program. Student appealed at the department level. Department upheld the previous decision to terminate him from the program based on the inability to pass the qualifying exam.
- Tim Carr wrote a letter November 20, 2017 to inform the student he may appeal and what the process is.
- December 1, 2017 student indicated he would be appealing.
- Appeal materials were received in Graduate Studies December 22, 2017.
- Graduate Council upheld the decision to terminate program. Tim will send a letter to the student indicating decision.

Proposal for Certificate in World Language Teaching

- Motion to accept the proposal.
- Discussion: Tim Carr clarified that comments added to the document were generated within Graduate Studies. Why called 'world' language instead of a specific language. There is an effort at other institutions to call this area of study 'world' language to move away from the term "foreign" language. Suggestion was made to send the proposal back to TLTE to include 'Spanish' in the title.
- Motion passed.

College of Business curriculum changes

- Tim Carr put together a list of the proposed curriculum changes
- Will follow up by email ballot in the essence of time

Graduate Student Bill of Rights

- Subgroup of Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) prepared the document. Tim Carr expresses he thinks it is an excellent idea and this type of document exists on many campuses. Does not replace any existing policies and ensures GSA has a voice. Tim has talked to EVC Donde Plowman who encouraged posting on Graduate Studies website; not necessary for the document to be vetted by additional groups.
- Motion passed.

Graduate Student Assembly Report

- No report.

Meeting adjourned 5:20 pm.