

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
October 12, 2022
Meadowlark Room

In Attendance: Alex Binder, Jason Clemensen, Mark Diacopoulos, Tim Flood, Tatiana Goris, Jennifer Harris, Amy Hite, Michelle Hudiburg, Shelby Hutchens, Alicia Mason, Paul McCallum, Greg Murray, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Alice Sagehorn, Brian Sims, Judy Smetana, Howard Smith, Ryan Speelman, Kyle Thompson

Joined Via Zoom: Anil Lal

Absent: David Boffey, Julie Dainty, Jon Jones, Sang Lee, Elizabeth Mascher, Matthew Montague, Jody Neef, Theresa Presley

The minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Dr. Flood moved for approval, Dr. Speelman seconded and the motion carried.

The following were submitted for Graduate Faculty Recommendations:

Daniel Spielbusch Automotive and Engineering Technology

Alyssa Zimmerman Automotive and Engineering Technology

Dr. Hudiburg moved for approval, Dr. Flood seconded and the motion carried.

The following were submitted for Graduate Service Recommendation(s):

New:

Ruth Monnier English and Modern Languages
22/WF
Serving on a thesis committee for ENGL 890

Inna Molitoris Kelce Graduate School of Business
22/WF
IB 810 Topics in International Business

Dr. Flood mentioned that the terminal degree for Ruth Monnier is for Library Science not English. Dr. Thompson noted that Ruth would be serving as an outside of the department thesis committee member under the Library, so a terminal degree in English is not required.

Dr. Sims moved to approve the new Graduate Service recommendations, Dr. Clemensen seconded and the motion carried.

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Arts and Sciences

History, Philosophy and Social Sciences
Request for Accelerated Program

History, Philosophy and Social Sciences
Request for Creation of Course
SWK 793 Special Topics in Social Work

Dr. Thompson shared the request for the history accelerated program would allow students to apply to the master's program during their senior year, allowing them to count credits to the graduate degree. He also shared that for history education students this program would make the degree shorter, cost effective and keep them connected to PSU.

Dr. Hudiburg asked about the effective date of August 2022 being listed on the accelerated program form. Dr. Thompson shared that he had completed the paperwork last year that it just took awhile to go through the committees for approval.

Dr. Thompson mentioned that the request for creation of course was to reactivate a course, so that it would be available to students if needed.

Greg Murray moved to approve the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences curricular matters, Dr. Sims seconded and the motion carried.

New Business

Discussion Item: Exceptions to Transfer Policy (policy attached)

Dr. Smith led a discussion on the possibility of allowing departments to decide the number of transfer hours on a case by case basis instead of limiting transfer hours to nine hours. It was mentioned that this would give more latitude to departments when they receive request from potential students to transfer hours from schools that have discontinued programs or closed. Dr. Sims mentioned that he would like the opportunity to visit with his department about changing the policy before making changes. It was noted that since the number of hours will be determined by the department, that departments could continue to choose not to allow more than nine hours of transfer credit.

Dr. Sims moved to remove the nine-hour requirement from the transfer policy, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

Information Item: Revisions to Graduate Council forms

Lisa Allen shared that Faculty Senate recently approved changes to legislative forms. To be consistent Graduate Council legislative forms could be updated to be similar to the Faculty Senate forms. Lisa will review and update the forms where needed and will then bring them to Graduate Council for consideration.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports: None

Dr. Smetana moved to adjourn, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, 2022