

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2018

In Attendance: Eli Aba, Donald Baack, Jonathan Dresner, Steven Duvall, Kevin Elliott, Carolyn Fehrenbach, Tim Flood, Michelle Hudiburg, Pawan Kahol, Erik Mayer, Paul McCallum, Matthew Montague, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Brenda Roberts, MeLisa Rogers, William Shirley, Ryan Speelman

Absent: Chuck Blatchley, Derek Crawford, Kristi Frisbee, Ronny Galloway, Rick Hardy, Karen Johnson, Robert Morton, Brian Sims

Trent Kling filled in for Shirley Drew

Maeve Cummings filled in for Theresa Presley

Guest: Bienvenido Cortes

Business:

Approval of the February 2018 Minutes

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

The following were submitted for Graduate Research Associate Membership Recommendation(s):

Paul Porneluzi Biology

Dr. Baack moved for approval, Dr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried.

Curricular Matters:

College of Business

Accounting and Computer Information Systems

Request for Creation of Course

ACCTG 710 External Auditing/ Assurance Services (External Assurance Services)

Request for Creation of Course

ACCTG 720 Advanced Topics in Financial Accounting (Advanced Financial Accounting)

Request for Creation of Course

ACCTG 711 Advanced Taxation (Taxation of Entities)

Dr. Cummings explained that these courses were being created to be used as part of the new Master of Professional Accountancy accelerated program degree that was recently approved. She explained that this would allow students to complete the 150 hour requirement to sit for the CPA exam as well as earn an undergraduate and a graduate degree.

Dr. Flood asked if there would be additional requirements for graduate students completing these courses, Dr. Cummings said that there would be extra work required for the students in the 700 level courses since they are graduate level courses.

Dr. Speelman asked if there were concerns about students having less contact with the faculty since they would be completing an accelerated program. Dr. Cummings said they work closely with those going on for the CPA, that they already have a lot of contact with these students.

Dr. Nonnenmacher asked if there was enough faculty. Dr. Cummings said that they do currently have enough faculty.

Dr. Aba asked if the MBA had a pathway to the CPA. Dr. Cummings said yes, that those students would have more than 150 hours.

Dr. Baack moved to approve the creation of courses as a group, Dr. Fehrenbach seconded and the motion carried. There was one abstention.

MBA

Degree/Course Change Notification Admission Requirements

Dr. Flood mentioned that the existing admission requirement to have transcripts submitted to an outside credentialing agency was put into place as a safeguard. He asked if there was still a way to safeguard without this requirement. Dr. Cortes explained that the Graduate Office was in a position to verify transcripts and that the main reason they were asking for this requirement in the past was to see what courses students had taken, but now they are getting applicants from areas other than business so it is wasting the student's money. Dr. Kahol pointed out that the Graduate Office is aware and careful when reviewing transcripts and that submitting transcripts to WES also delays the admission process. Dr. Cortes also mentioned that they still have other requirements and they are looking at everything holistically.

This item is for notification and does not require a vote.

Request for Revision of Courses

- MGMKT 826 Quantitative Business Analysis
- MGMKT 828 Leadership & Behavioral MGT
- MGMKT 830 Business, Government & Society
- MGMKT 831 International Business
- MGMKT 839 Marketing Strategy
- MGMKT 895 Strategic Management
- MGMKT 821 Topics

Dr. Cortes explained that the request is to change the suffix for all of these courses to make them consistent with recent changes that were made on the undergraduate side.

Dr. Baack moved to approve the revision of courses as a group, Dr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried.

Request for Creation of Course MGT 820 Internship in Management

Request for Creation of Course
MKTG 820 Internship in Marketing

Dr. Cortes mentioned that a request for these courses was being created so that a topics course did not have to be used for students who were doing an internship.

Dr. Baack moved to approve the creation of courses as a group, Dr. Rogers seconded and the motion carried.

Request for Exception
Minimum credit hour requirement for Option III

Dr. Cortes shared that a request for the MBA Option III to be 30 hours instead of the 32 hour requirement was so that they could streamline the MBA program, to remain competitive with many other MBA programs that are 30 hours, and because they would soon be working with Academic Partnerships to have a 100% online eight week program. He said that the proposal includes deleting a one hour orientation course and removing a three hour required course from the core to an elective.

Dr. Huidburg asked if instead of an exception, should the council consider all three options having a 30 total hour minimum requirement. There was discussion on the impacts of making this change. There were votes to table the item, so that others could go back and talk to their departments. Dr. Kahol mentioned that since Academic Partnerships would be on campus April 9-10, it would help the college if a decision for the MBA program was made today.

Dr. Roberts moved for approval, Dr. Fehrenbach seconded and the motion passed with two opposed and two abstentions.

Request for Degree Changes
MBA General Administration
Offer current graduate degree 50% or more online
Options available and number of hours required
Courses to be deleted from the core

Request for Degree Changes
MBA Accounting
Offer current graduate degree 50% or more online
Options available and number of hours required
Courses to be deleted from the core

Request for Degree Changes
MBA International Dual Degree
Offer current graduate degree 50% or more online
Options available and number of hours required
Courses to be deleted from the core

Request for Degree Changes
MBA International Business
Offer current graduate degree 50% or more online
Options available and number of hours required

Courses to be deleted from the core

Dr. Rogers moved to approve the request for degree changes as a group, Dr. Nonnenmacher seconded and the motion passed with one opposed.

Request for New Emphasis
MBA with an emphasis in Human Resource Development

Request for Degree Changes
MBA with an emphasis in Human Resource Development
Offer current graduate degree 50% or more online
Options available and number of hours required
Courses to be added to candidacy

Dr. Rogers moved to approve the new emphasis and the degree changes, Dr. Elliott seconded and the motion passed with three abstentions.

College of Technology

Request for Creation of Course
TTED 750 Mentoring Principles for Professionals

Dr. Mayer suggested since this is a 700 level course, discussing 700 level courses. Dr. Elliott explained that this course would be a dual enrollment course and that the intention was not for it to be primarily a graduate level course. Dr. Elliott shared that there are also plans for this course to be offered in education and nursing. Dr. Kahol shared that the Board of Regents policy states that 700-799 courses are primarily graduate courses and there should be enrollment of less 50% undergraduate students in these courses. There was discussion on how to control the courses to make sure that there are more graduate students enrolled and how to make changes to comply with this policy.

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

Old Business:

Discussion: 700 level courses

This was discussed with the College of Technology curricular item.

New Business:

Request for Accelerated Program Form

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

Adjourn:

Dr. Elliott moved to adjourn, Dr. Flood seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, April 11, 2018. The meeting will be held in the Governors Room of the Overman Student Center.