

Graduate Council Minutes 05/25/2023

Attendees: David Green, Kimberly R. Bell, Agnieszka Bialkowska, Holly Colognato, Kara M. DeSanna, Michael Ferdman, David Green, Melissa L. Jordan, Celia Marshik, Hanna Nekvasil, Colleen O'Toole, David A. Rubenstein, Marcia Simon, Arleen J. Steckel, Daniel Waxman
Absentees: Jose Baeza, Diane L. Bello, Lily Blocker, Susan E. Brennan, Allegra DeLaurentiis, Sonia Harmand, Gianna Juliano-Hooper, Richard K. Larson, Victoria Pilato, Alan C. Tucker, Kathleen M. Vernon

1. Call to order at 2:02pm
2. Chair's Report
 - a. Need a faculty member to volunteer for the Graduate Council Appeals Committee (GCAC)
 - i. Any volunteers should email the chair immediately.
 - b. Question whether funding disputes are subject to GCAC appeal.
 - i. As the GC is an advisory body, the student may file an appeal, and the GCAC will review it to decide if it is within its purview.
3. Review of the Minutes from April 27, 2023
 - a. Made minor changes to improve clarity.
 - b. **Motion to accept with minor corrections. Seconded. Passed with four yeas and two abstentions.**
4. AI Advanced Graduate Certificate (AGC)
 - a. Q: Restricted electives are essentially all CS courses – is this okay?
 - i. A: Yes, “restricted electives” refers to any restriction, of which “CSE courses” is one
 - b. Q: Graduate Certificate or Undergrad Certificate?
 - i. A: Graduate. Some language will need to be clarified to reflect this.
 - c. Q: C grade in each course? Is this not automatic?
 - i. A: All AGCs have a B average standard for cumulative GPA. A minimum of a C grade in specific courses is an additional requirement.
 - ii. **Made clarification in the bulletin**
 - d. Comment: Student learning outcomes are very broad
 - i. Changed phrasing to ameliorate this
 - e. Discussion about prospective headcount in the certificate, and available seats in existing courses.
 - f. Q: Grad certificates for BA?
 - i. A: Students must be in a primary program? **Must be clarified**
 - g. **The Graduate Council believes whether or not the certificate is standalone or restricted to current graduate students must be clarified, but is acceptable either way. Motion to approve with the above clarifications implemented pending clarification of standalone status. Seconded. Approved.**
5. Human Centered DS Certificate

- a. Discussion about time-to-complete, and possibly interfering with other responsibilities.
 - i. “Can be completed” does not mean “must be completed,” and courseload can be correspondingly less intensive
 - b. **Motion to approve. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
6. Combined MD/MS program
- a. Have to show the timeline more carefully
 - b. Q: Is it true that it can be started at any time?
 - i. A: This seems odd, but MD/MPH works this way
 - c. Q: What’s the benefit?
 - i. A: One course counts for both, and would likely be one year instead of two years to complete the MS
 - d. Comments on the formatting of the MD curriculum
 - i. Suggestion to table until the medical school updates its curriculum
 - e. Suggestions:
 - i. 1 year with 15 credits per semester + double counted or night/even/concurrent?
 - f. **Move to table. Seconded. Approved unanimously.**
7. Microcredentials
- a. Also brought before UGC, who asked for clarifications on how credit limits were determined.
 - b. Should GC see non-credit activities?
 - i. Right now, no faculty governance for SPD – GC will handle for now to ensure some form of faculty governance
 - c. Right now, AGCs are all at least 12 credits
 - i. In the future, suggest that 9 credit proposals become microcredential proposals
 - d. Graduate council is satisfied with the current draft.
 - e. **Motion to indicate approval of current draft pertaining to content related to Graduate programs. Seconded. Approved unanimously.**
8. Dean’s Report
- a. Distinguished Doctoral Colloquium poorly attended
 - i. How to encourage more attendance? Do it during semester?
 - ii. Could also select speaker after presentations
9. **Motion to adjourn at 3:29pm. Seconded. Approved**