

## **Minutes Approved Electronically – May 2018**

### GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

641st Meeting (Electronic)

May 7, 2018

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Graduate Council meeting on April 2, 2018 were approved unanimously.

#### Committee Reports

***Graduate Council Curriculum Committee:*** Bond provided Graduate Council members with a summary of key items in the April 9, 2018 Curriculum Committee minutes. He pointed out two new specializations in the M.S.Ed. Counseling program (Clinical Mental Health and School), two certificate programs (Gerontology and Leadership in Aging Studies) that are being moved from the College of Health and Human Sciences to the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, and IBHE approval and catalog inclusion of the Ph.D. in Computer Science. Minutes of the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee meeting were approved unanimously. (Curriculum Committee minutes and catalog changes are available at:

[http://www.niu.edu/u\\_council/committees/minutes/gccc/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/u_council/committees/minutes/gccc/index.shtml).)

Bond also asked members to review a new course proposal (UNIV 601, Career Development and Planning) that the Graduate School would like to offer in the fall semester. It is a non-credit course to provide a structured path for students to get through a series of workshops on career and professional development. The course is intended to assist students with foundational work and to address the needs of off-campus students. The new course proposal was approved unanimously.