

Minutes Approved Electronically May 2020

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES 653rd Meeting – Microsoft Teams Meeting May 4, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Barnes, Binderup, Bond, Camic, Furr, Gallaher, Gavieta, Groves, Hanley, Henningsen, Herrmann, Holthuijzen, Jackson, Johnson, Kelly, Kortegast, LaFrance, Mantzke, Osorio, Reyman, Ryzhov, Smith, Vahabzadeh, Werstler, Xia, Zheng

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bateni and Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Blazey (Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships), Leslie Matuszewich (Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Sarah Klaper (Ombudsperson), and Barshinger (Administrative Assistant)

Bond called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Arado moved to approve the minutes of the April 6 meeting. Hanley seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Graduate Council Curriculum Committee: Mantzke reported on behalf of the committee. The GCCC met on April 13. The College of Health and Human Sciences submitted a prerequisite change to AHPT 615. This change was unanimously approved by the committee. Changes were asked to a variety of courses in the College of Health and Human Sciences to clinicals and external rotation internships to change the credit hours to variable credits. The reason for the change is because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the inability for students to fulfill the full requirements before the shelter in place order went into effect. Bond stated that this is a change going forward for fall and beyond. The GCCC approved these curriculum changes to make sure students would not be hung up in the process of completing their degrees. Reyman moved to approve the GCCC report and minutes. Smith seconded. The report and minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

- UNIV 595 – Faculty Development would like to provide a semester-long course about teaching online. Changing the credits from 1 credit hour to variable credits would allow students to choose whether the course is awarded 0 credits or 1 credit. LaFrance moved to approve the UNIV 595 credits change. Vahabzadeh seconded. Changes approved unanimously.
- Jerry Blazey reported on the reopening of research labs. There is a four-phased process in place.
 1. Phase 1 – Remote and essential research and scholarly activities

2. Phase 2 – Preparation of shared facilities. This would be the opening of storerooms and facilities that are used by more than one scholar. Examples would be the Chemistry storeroom and archives in the library.
3. Phase 3 – Operation of individually used facilities. Examples would be campus scholarship in general.
4. Phase 4 – Operation at field sites. This phase will not be possible until the stay at home order has been lifted.
5. Finally Face-to-Face human subject research. This will not happened until at least August 1st.

There will be an on-line approval process in which scholars will apply to resume research. The application will include the scope of work being undertaken, the schedule of which the research will occur, the personnel involved, steps taken on the safety of all personnel, plans of future disruption of work, and a record of costs incurred from the work disruption and resumption during the pandemic. The on-line application will be available by May 15th and will be routed by the applicant to the department chair, college dean and then finally to RIPS. Please reach out to Dr. Blazey by email with any questions or concerns you may have.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Announcements

1. Bond thanked members for their service on the Graduate Council and various subcommittees this year. The following faculty members and graduate students have completed their term on the Graduate Council: Michael Barnes, Stephen Binderup, Kelly Furr (re-elected for another year), Jon Gavieta, Mary Lynn Henningsen, Lynn Herrmann, Wieteke Holthuijzen, Darius Jackson, Carrie Kortegast, Betty LaFrance, Kate Mantzke (re-elected for another 3 year term), Jessica Reyman, Thomas Smith, and Sahar Vahabzadeh and Matthew Werstler.
2. Sarah Klaper, from the Office of the Ombudsperson, reported that her office is still available to all faculty and students. They are offering virtual open houses every Friday. Check their website for further details.

Adjournment

Arado moved to adjourn the meeting. Ryzhov seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.