

Graduate Council Approved Minutes 03/02/20

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

650th Meeting

December 2, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Bateni, Binderup, Bond, Camic, Gallaher, Gavieta, Groves, Hanley, Henningsen, Herrmann, Holthuijzen, Kortegast, LaFrance, Mantzke, Osorio, Reyman, Ryzhov, Werstler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barnes, Furr, Jackson, Johnson, Kelly, Smith, Vahabzadeh, Zheng

OTHERS PRESENT: Barshinger (Administrative Assistant)

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

Approval of Minutes

Herrmann made a motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019. Bateni seconded. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports

***Criminal Disclosure Review Committee:*** The Criminal Disclosure Committee met on Monday, November 25, 2019. The committee had one case to review. The case was approved by the committee to move forward with the admissions process.

***Graduate Colloquium Committee:*** The Graduate Colloquium Committee met on November 7, 2019. There were 55 proposals submitted for spring 2020. All proposals were approved. Also, there was an election for this year's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee chair is Emerson Sabastiao and two committee members are students Jacob Pratscher and Ashley Sanchez. Invitation letters will be sent out on December 20, 2019. Fall 2020 proposals will be due March 6, 2020. The committee's next meeting will be April 2, 2020.

***Graduate Council Curriculum Committee:*** Mantzke reported on behalf of the Committee. The Graduate Council Curriculum Committee met two times in November. The minutes that were submitted to you in draft form have been approved electronically by the committee. Highlights from those meetings are as follows: 1.) November 11 meeting: The College of Engineering and Engineering Technology deleted a couple of master's degrees and a certificate of graduate studies because of the lack of demand in those areas. The College of Health and Human Sciences created a dual degree and an accelerated pathway for the masters of science in applied human development and family sciences to get a law degree as well. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences sociology master's program has provided reserved seating for honors students. 2.) November 18 meeting: Many new courses were added. The College of Education's Ed Psych PhD

program has been redesigned. They added new specializations in the masters of science and a new certificate in graduate studies in Education. The College of Engineering and Engineering Technology deleted another certificate of graduate studies and added a new one called Environmental Health and Safety. The committee tabled information provided from the College of Health and Human Sciences regarding the BS in the Doctor of Nursing Practice and the MS in the Doctor of Nursing Practice for some more clarification. Groves moved to approve the report. Ryzhov seconded. Report approved.

***Graduate Council Standards Committee:*** The Graduate Council Standards Committee met on Monday, November 18, 2019. The items up for discussion were: 1.) Anthropology requested to remove the GRE requirement from their application process. 2.) Certificate of Graduate Studies APPM Revision. Remove normal curricular approval process to go through the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council. It must go through the Board of Trustees and the IBHE for approval as well. All items were approved by the committee. Mantzke moved to approve the report. LaFrance seconded. Report approved.

***Honorary Degree Committee:*** The Honorary Degree Committee met on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, to discuss this year's honorary degree nominations. Two nominations were reviewed. One nomination was rejected automatically due to being a current NIU employee. Section IB2c of the Regulations of the Board of Trustees states that, "Members and employees of the Board of Trustees and members and employees of the IBHE are ineligible during the term of their office or employment." The committee's recommendation will be delivered to the President and the Board of Trustees for approval.

#### New Business

No new business was discussed.

#### Old Business

No old business was discussed.

#### Announcements

Bond asked if anyone will be participating in commencement on Saturday, December 14. He thanked everyone for their continuing support at commencement. There will not be a meeting in January. The next meeting will be February 3, 2020.

#### Adjournment

LaFrance moved to adjourn the meeting. Mantzke seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.