

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 22, 2018

The Graduate Council met at 12:30 p.m. in Room 135 with the following members present: Adams, Broussard, (ex-officio), Lockridge, Massé (ex-officio), Sharky, and Tubana.

Absent members: de Queiroz, Frick, Leo (ex-officio), Liguori, Marchand, Pommier, Page, Perry, Piccoli, Daniel, and Tubana.

### Minutes of February 19, 2018

Broussard asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the February meeting. The minutes were approved by Council and the minutes were accepted unopposed.

### Academic Affairs' Report

No report.

### Interim Vice Provost's Report

Massé reported on a curriculum change proposal approved by the Graduate Council. A revised letter of intent submitted by A.P. de la Cruz was accepted by the OAA.

### Chair's Report

Broussard welcomed the new core affiliates, and thanked them for their participation in today's meeting.

### New Business

#### Curriculum Change: Kinesiology M.S.

- Ray Castie spoke to the Council regarding a proposal to change the degree program in kinesiology. He noted that kinesiology is changing nationally. Louisiana currently has five universities offering kinesiology programs. LSU is the only one currently pursuing a Master's program. Castie opened the floor for questions. There were no questions. Broussard thanked Castie. Sharky made a motion to approve. Cai seconded, and the motion was unopposed.

#### Letter of Intent: M.S. in Healthcare Systems Engineering

- Craig Harvey stated his letter of intent for the M.S. in Healthcare Systems Engineering is a result of the joint agreement between the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. This Master's program is designed to address the current healthcare system. There are currently no M.S. programs in Louisiana, with only four providing a Master's level program. Of these four, only three have an affiliation with a hospital. The program will be developed as a collaborative effort with Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and it is anticipated that

students will enroll students from around the state. Broussard opened the floor for questions.

- Adams asked Finney for clarification of the term "open access." Finney was in a bit of a process used to provide a link to the document. Adams is the director of a non-thesis program. The project portion of this program is in person and a portion of the coursework is online. Finney made a motion to approve. Adams seconded and the motion was approved unopposed.

#### Curriculum Change: Graduate Minor in African Studies

- Jas Sullivan, an associate professor in the Department of African Studies, presented a motion which warrants the creation of a Graduate Minor. Sullivan stated that AAAS currently has the support of Women and Gender Studies, Kinesiology, Geography, Anthropology, History, Sociology, English, Masters of Arts in Education, Law, Religious Studies. Sullivan clarified that the minor will be a 12-credit hour minor. AAAS approved the motion. The Graduate Council will be notified. The motion was approved, contingent upon the inclusion of the additional emails from other departments regarding the minor. The proposal will be resubmitted once copies of the emails are received.

#### Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Embargo Period

- A significant amount of material was placed in the agenda for this discussion, including 2007 and 2016 Graduate Council minutes, a statement by the Association of Writing Programs, an overview of practices by peer institutions, and a discussion of the current options for digital access. The discussion was limited to multiple stakeholders, each presentation was limited to 5 minutes.
- Sean Lane opened by giving an overview of the ETD transition from the old open access system to Digital Commons. This is a collaboration between the library and the graduate school. The topic up for discussion is the Embargo Period, the period where the document is not available for public circulation. The current options when submitting a thesis or dissertation are immediate release to the public, a one-year embargo, or a seven-year embargo. Recently, the Graduate School and the English Department discussed the ETD embargos for the MFAs, because, in 2007, there was a discussion at a permanent embargo was approved for all theses done in the MFA program in English. Recently, the Graduate School and the English Department discussed the ETD embargos for the MFAs, because, in 2007, there was a discussion at a permanent embargo was approved for all theses done in the MFA program in English.
- Joseph Kronick asked the Council to consider the issue of 2007. The original issue since then has been the change in software. He continued by presenting some concerns from creative writers: that they have no copyright in their work and that their chance of publishing not be jeopardized by having their work published in a journal. Kronick stated that the publication process can be lengthy, may not be worth the cost to editors/publishers if the document will be available at no cost after 7 years. Kronick says digital downloading will negatively affect the careers of the graduate students if their work is unprotected, they may not want to attend LSU.

- Gina Costello spoke on behalf of the LSU Library. The Library was assisting the Graduate School in the migration to the current system. The current system can be set to automatically embargo for 1 year or 7 years, after the software will automatically release the dissertation when the specific time expires. Costello stated the Library is neutral on which time period, however, they will support the Council's final decision. Many universities use 2 or 3 years, however, LSU is not partnered with the organization. Adams also discussed data could be included in the program. Costello noted the Council could consider a way of explaining that students have an option for a permanent embargo but also could submit metadata. The Council decided having a digital file that is archived would not be done in other places. She concluded by saying the final decision would belong to the student.
- Andrew Maas explained that he manages the intellectual property of LSU and works on to explain the University by law. As an employer, the university owns the copyright; however, copyright is released back to the authors. There are three ways a work is not released back to its authors: 1) If the publisher publishes the work, 2) If LSU publishes or produces a derivative work, or 3) If reproduction, and 3) If LSU is required to deliver a work to a third party under a research contract. Maas stated that at this time, the decision to embargo is essentially in the hands of the student, not the advisor. He stated that advisors have a role in approving or agreeing to embargo a dissertation and they should be responsible for informing students. Maas stated that he was not taking a position on the subject and wanted to provide Council members with the information.
- Breussard opened the floor for open discussion and discussion on the embargo process. The remaining members present offered input in possibilities such as embargoes shielding plagiarism, for example, the decision was made to table the item until the next meeting and to ask Lockridge, a legal expert on copyright and intellectual property, to provide recommendations on how the Council should move forward. Breussard, speaking as an individual member, and not charging the group as Chair, suggested that language in the Council's statement regarding the committee chair advising the student on the embargo process and checking for plagiarism.

**Graduate Faculty Proposal**

- Andrew Maverick says because of how appointments are assigned, the initial appointment of assistant professors as associate professor appointment may not be in place. Maverick believes this can be solved by making three initial appointments, years instead of the current term of six years. He stated that the idea of a seven-year appointment. But several stated the Council members could make the decision, however, a quorum was not present and will be decided at the next meeting. The discussion will then be brought to the Faculty Senate for further deliberation.

**Standing Committee Reports**

- Promotion/Tenure - Chance: No Report.
- Awards - Page: No Report.

- **Graduate Faculty and Quality** - [unclear]
- **Graduate Council** - [unclear] project. Student recommendations for the [unclear] he will consider continuing the project the students to assist with the [unclear]
- **Bylaws** - [unclear] meeting with the [unclear] supportive, but also [unclear] Graduate Council. [unclear] with the Faculty Senate.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 27, 2016 from 9:50 am to 12:30 pm

Meeting Adjourns at 1:40 pm

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Approved by:

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