

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

DECEMBER 11, 2019

DATE: 11/06/2019

TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 135 TOWNSEND HALL

CALL TO ORDER

Gansie called the monthly meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBER	MEMBER	MEMBER	MEMBER
Adams	A	Gansie (ex)	P
Aghazadeh	A	Greckhamer	A
Cai	P	Hamilton	A
Francis	P	Husseneder	P

C: Chair, Co. Co-Chair, Ex. Ex-Officio

The meeting minutes from September and October meetings were unanimously approved as distributed.

REPORTS

- Chair's Report- None
- Interim Dean's Report- None
- Academic Affairs - 13 attended

OLD BUSINESS

INSTRUCTION

At the request of Dr. Gansie, the following items were discussed:

APPROVAL TO CHANGE MEMBERSHIP ON GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS COMMITTEE

Piccobelli moved to approve, Gansie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GRADUATE FACULTY STATUS FOR FACULTY WITH SOFT APPOINTMENTS

A suggestion to change MS or PhD to MSc or MPhil to those degrees or equivalent so that any grad faculty can chair any grad committee. Aghazadeh seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

REVISIONS TO GRADUATE CERTIFICATION

It was recommended to remove last bullet point from table. Aghazadeh moved to approve with the change. Poiman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CURRICULUM CHANGE: MS IN OCEANOGRAPHY & COASTAL SCIENCE

Marchand moved to approve, Husseneder seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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CURRICULUM CHANGE: PHD IN OCEANOGRAPHY & COASTAL SCIENCES

The PhD proposal's cover page should indicate correct number of correct degree. Marchand moved to approve, Husein seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CURRICULUM CHANGE: MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Seifried moved to approve, Eric seconded, and the motion passed with him abstaining.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Aghazadeh moved to approve, Piccoli seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY POLICY

Frick moved to approve, Seifried seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING & ANALYSIS

Aghazadeh moved to approve, Piccoli seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Pojman moved to approve, Aghazadeh seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Thak moved to approve, Seifried seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Piccoli moved to approve, Seifried seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PHD IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

The discussion of the PhD in Construction Management led to the following conclusions and questions:

- The Grad Council would like to see evidence of the quality of graduates from similar online programs. What indicators of that evidence should we look for?
- If the reasoning behind creating this program is to allow students to conduct research in university settings, what evidence is there that those graduates who come from industry were able to carry forward their university experience into industry? Why would they do that? Why not go back to industry for a PhD?
- What evidence is there that the program is a good fit for the Construction Management department?
- What evidence is there that the program is a good fit for online PhD students to the department? Would increasing the success of the program increase the success of the department and its research dollars?

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- Many of us would not be interested in grad school if we didn't see the quality of the programs there that quality universities are hiring on.
- Many on Grad Council also believe that a different approach might be better.

Self-study model would be a good idea to improve program quality and student satisfaction.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Professional development - no report
- Graduate opportunity - no report
- Awards- no report.

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Graduate Council Co-Chair

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Interim Graduate School Dean