

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 01/27/2021

TIME: 1:30 PM

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE

NAME	P/A	NAME	P/A	NAME	P/A	NAME	P/A
AGHAZADEH	P	GIGER	P	PROCTOR	P	SPENCER	P
ADAMS	P	GRECKHAMER	P	PORTER	P	WILKS	P
ALAI	P	HUSSENER	P	ROHLI	P	LEFF (EX)	P
CORBETT	A	LONG	P	SEIFRIED	P	SPENCER (EX)	P
FRICK	A	MITCHELL	P	SHANK	P	WICKS (EX)	P

CALL TO ORDER

Aghazadeh called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Graduate Council members approved the December meeting minutes as distributed.

REPORTS

➤ Chair's Report: None reported.

➤ Grad School Report:

- Spencer updated the council on the council's priorities: strategic planning and financial sustainability. He believes a couple of departments will be able to experiment with a sharing model soon. Spencer announced that he was offered a permanent Assistant Dean position in the Grad School.
- Wicks stated that many of the grad student enrollment registration. Several grad students responded to the enrollment survey. Some students remain committed about course communication about registration dates. Wicks also shared some information about the department's efforts to improve the graduate experience.

➤ Academic Affairs Report:

- The current semester's instruction of course delivery is the same as Fall 2020. About 50% are face-to-face hybrid and 50% are online. About 7000 are fully hybrid students. At that point 60% of enrollment shows. LSU is expecting to return to fully face-to-face classes in Fall 2021. This is predicated on a successful rollout of the National Laborer program.

OLD BUSINESS

Request to Change Curriculum of Analytics Courses (Action)

Jackie Moffitt explained the proposed changes to the curriculum. She explained that one course is being eliminated and replaced by two. Getting descriptions from other institutions typically have more Analytics courses. She moved to approve, Giger seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Request to Add Minor: MS in TAM Merchandising (revised)

Professor Chuanlan Liu spoke to members briefly about the proposal. She stated that the revisions requested by the Grad Council were completed and the proposal is ready for review. Members unanimously voted to approve the proposal.

Grad School Policy : Leave of Absence for Grad Students

Assistant Dean Clovier Torry spoke to members briefly about the proposed policy. Torry explained that there currently is not a policy for doctoral students. The policy is similar to an FMLA policy for students and it would not require a seven-year time limit extension. The policy was previously approved but did not make it into the Grad Catalog. Members discussed different components of the policy. Husseneder suggested adding the following bullet points to the policy.

- x For the birth of a child and/or to care for the child,
- x For placement of a child through adoption or foster care,
- x For the care of the employee's spouse (wife or husband), son, daughter, or parent who has a serious health condition,
- x For the employee's own serious health condition which prevents the employee from performing their essential duties.

Husseneder moved to approve the policy and to include the aforementioned bullet points. Long seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Change Curriculum: MS in Textiles, Apparel Design & Merchandising

Chuanlan Liu briefly explained the proposed changes but was not familiar with the proposal to answer some of the questions asked by members. Liu stated she would take the feedback back to the department and have someone more familiar with the proposal come to address the Grad Council. Sharky moved to table it, Long seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Grad School Policy : Seven Year Time Limit

Assistant Dean Clovier Torry spoke to members briefly about the proposed policy. She explained the rationale for creating this policy and invited questions from members. Giger asked Torry to further clarify some aspects of the policy. Aghazadeh asked that members email their comments to Wicks. The Grad Council will review the policy and comments at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ¾ Promotion & Tenure (Frick)- No report.
- ¾ Graduate Faculty (Cai)- No report.
- ¾ Awards (Seifried)- No report.
- ¾ Change in Modality (Seifried)- No report.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 1:30 pm.
