

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2024

Present: Christine Dee, Kyle Moody, Daniel Sarefield, Denise Sargent, Renee Scapparone, Ricky Sethi, Deborah Stone, David Weiss, Becky Copper-Glenz, Mojdeh Bayat, Denise Bertrand

Absent: Yang Liu, Nirajan Mani

Visitors: Amber Deschenes and Mark LeBlanc

Elected Graduate Council Chair: Renee Scapparone - Vote: Unanimous

Elected Graduate Council Vice Chair: Deborah Stone - Vote: Unanimous

Motion to Open the Meeting: Becky Copper-Glenz

Second: Renee Scapparone

Motion to Review May 2, 2024 Minutes: Becky Copper-Glenz

Second: Dan Sarefield

Motion to Approve May 2, 2024 Minutes: Dan Sarefield

Second: Becky Copper-Glenz

Vote: 5 Approve, 5 Abstain

Non-Substantive Program Change Request Review - Reviewed

Motion to Review Proposal SGOCE-24-25-01 - Mojdeh Bayat

Second: Dan Sarefield

Proposals:

SGOCE-24-25-01 – GCE New Policy Proposal – Graduate Students’ Enrollment in Program (Copper-Glenz)

Students are not allowed to be enrolled in 2 different programs at the same time. The School of Education has had 2 exceptions in their certificate program. Because of the unique situation of those programs, we had a number of students in graduate programs who wanted to take courses from those certificate programs and they were not able to do so. We developed a way for those programs to allow those students to complete a certificate and a masters degree at the same time and take courses between both programs.

We made some changes to the curriculum for both of those areas. Students enrolled in a masters program can complete the content areas they need within the masters program; they no longer need to be enrolled in both the masters and a certificate program. We are trying to clean up the records in both of those programs and create a smoother process but realized we didn’t have a

formal process in the catalog. The registrar's office recommended that we create a policy in the catalog that simply states that students cannot be enrolled in both a certificate program and a masters program at the same time.

Mark LeBlanc - What does "enrolled" mean? Can they apply and be accepted for the next term or can they not apply until the current credentials are complete?

Becky Copper-Glenz - They can apply but they cannot be enrolled until current credentials are complete.

Mark LeBlanc - Can we add something to that description that will be going into the catalog?

Becky Copper-Glenz - Yes I can add enrolled "registered" to the proposal as a friendly amendment.

Motion to Approve Proposal SGOCE-24-25-01 with the friendly amendment to the catalog description - Deborah Stone

Second: David Weiss

Vote: 9 approved, 1 opposed

Motion to Review Proposal SGOCE-24-25-02 - Deborah Stone

Second: David Weiss

SGOCE-24-25-02 – GCE New Policy Proposal – Add Graduate Learning Objectives to the Institutional List of Learning Priorities (Copper-Glenz)

I have been working with Institutional Learning to include graduate programs. We found 3 priorities that were common. I was asked to bring this to the Graduate Council to show what we had agreed on then the next step will be to go to AUC to make it formal that we are adding graduate ILPs.

It was brought to my attention after submitting this proposal that I need to change the tenses. Item 1 will say "Master" the discipline-based skills, item 2 will say "Demonstrate" a graduate-level mastery and item 3 will say as is.

Deborah Stone - How do we demonstrate that a goal has been reached?

Becky Copper-Glenz - From the graduate exit surveys, I will send you the link.

Motion to Approve Proposal SGOCE-24-25-02 - David Weiss

Second: Denise Sargent

Vote: Unanimous

Items for the Floor:

We need to elect a grad student represented on the council. If you have a candidate, send your recommendation to Becky and Renee before the next meeting.

Do we want future Graduate Council Meetings to be virtual? **Vote:** Unanimous

Next Meeting Date: November 7, 2024

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Deborah Stone

Second: Dan Sarefield

Vote: Unanimous