

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

October 11, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

President's Conference Room

Council in Attendance:

Anja Kunze (Engineering, substituting for Stephan Warnat)
Sweeney Windchief (Education)
Wade Hill (Nursing)
Catherine Dunlop (Letters)
Marc Giullian (Business)
Katey Franklin (Health & Human Development)
Amy Reines (Sciences)
Michael Everts (Architecture)
Jane Mangold (Agriculture)
Jennifer Thomson (Faculty Senate)
Heidi Koenig (Student Representative)
Craig Ogilvie (Dean of The Graduate School)

Also in Attendance:

Emily Peters (Graduate School)
Susan Raph (Nursing, Associate Dean)
Rebecca Koltz (HHD, Department Head)

Absent:

Arts Representative
Brennan Reeves (Office of International Programs)
Brian Rossmann (Library)

Meeting started at 1:00 pm

August 30, 2022 minutes

- Motion to approve by Giullian, 2nd by Reines, motion passes unanimously

Announcements

- **Update from the Dean**
 - Record graduation in last academic year: 714 graduate students, record number of research doctorates, record number of professional doctorates (DNP)
 - Reminder that all council meetings are public and open for public comment
 - Add public comment to the agenda
- **Faculty Senate update (Thomson):**
 - Recent updates: athletics, convocation, faculty salaries, travel policy

- Graduate students are interested in the status of parking improvements after parking fee increase
- Suggest highlighting connection between faculty salaries for recruitment and retention and meeting Carnegie classification
- Soliciting comments on the updated research misconduct policy

Old Business

- SCNS-MED School Counseling program changes
 - Dr. Koltz in attendance to answer questions
 - Review proposal updates
 - 15 credits in the Spring semester
 - Educate students about the flat spot and how to structure their program of study
 - Electives are for directed specialization: the additional 6 credits are directly under advisement for their specialization area
 - School counselors starting in, e.g., Bozeman School District with 60 credit master's degree will start at a higher salary
 - Open for questions/comments
 - Good balance between quality of program and student financial concerns
 - UM has already moved to 60 credits and has one semester of 15 credits, so the cost to students is comparable
 - Thank you to the proposers for working hard on revisions
 - Sweeney motions to approve, Mangold seconds
 - Proposal passes: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

New Business

- DNMW-DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Midwife new program proposal
 - Dr. Raph in attendance to review proposal:
 - Started with \$101 million donation from Marc and Robyn Jones
 - Review of data demonstrating need for a midwifery program in Montana
 - Hired a consultant to review midwifery programs across the nation; identified 5 subject matter experts to advise on curriculum
 - Will be added as 3rd option to the existing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
 - 82 total credits, same as the other DNP tracks
 - Front loaded didactic experiences to prepare for rural practice opportunities
 - Program needs to get to BOR by next March
 - Project pre-accreditation survey Fall 2023. Can't announce/advertise until after this site survey. Project first admissions cohort for Fall 2024.
 - Will hire a program lead for the program
 - Open for questions
 - Proposal references a separate process to request the staff member—what is that parallel process?
 - This position will be added as the program grows. Enough projected revenue to cover the cost.

- Budget templates should include staff lines in program proposal, but the program approval is not an approval for the staff member. Staff lines will be approved separately from programs.
 - Is there room for students particularly interested in serving Native American communities to take courses from other programs (e.g., PhD in Indigenous and Rural Health)?
 - Caring for our own program
 - Students can always take electives, but most of the experience comes from clinical opportunities
 - \$3 million donation from St. Vincent Healthcare will help support clinical opportunities for students
 - Does the Indian Health Service allow for midwifery?
 - Will look into this. IHS does allow for the other DNP specialties.
 - Adding interest from employers to hire these graduates could strengthen the proposal (e.g., letters of support)
 - Clarify 30 and 40 projected student number discrepancy in the proposal
- Subcommittee Updates
 - Policy: scheduling a meeting to review continuous enrollment policy
 - Curriculum: working on course approvals, will also review the Chemistry MS program and accelerated option
 - Governance: plan to address procedure for appointing a vice chair, considering how a diversity equity and inclusion subcommittee would be different from or enhance what's already happening on campus
- Discussion on approving new courses when similar courses are available in other departments
 - A larger number of students from different departments may be a more enhancing experience than a few students from the same department in a very specific course
 - Compare syllabus of proposed course with existing course(s)
 - Many examples of students taking classes from other departments when they offer a robust course in a specific area.
 - Provides cross-department research opportunities.
- Graduate student leadership council met last week. Each student serves as a graduate student representative on a larger university council.
 - Working on a comprehensive list of resources, developing more even and robust departmental orientations across campus

Adjourned at 2:24 pm

Next scheduled meeting – October 25, 2022