Administrative Board of the Graduate School  
February 20, 2020  
Winslow Hall 100  
10:00 am  

MINUTES  


Members Absent: John Blondin, John Dole, Samuel Jones, Srini Krishnamurthy, Kathryn Meurs, Melissa Pasquinelli, Siddhartha Thakur, Jo-Ann Cohen  

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.  

I. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes from February 6, 2020 were approved.  

II. Administrative Board Action Items
A. Program Actions
   a. At the request of the Poole College of Management, a proposal to create a GCERT in Business Analytics (presented by Dr. Steve Allen) was approved.

B. Course Actions

   College of Agriculture and Life Science
   a. At the request of the Department of Applied Ecology, a proposal to create the course AEC 624—Advanced Fisheries Science (presented by Dr. Kim Allen) was approved.
   b. At the request of the Youth Family and Community Sciences Department, a proposal to create the course YFCS 700—Foundations of Agricultural and Human Sciences (presented by Dr. Kim Allen) was approved.

   College of Engineering
   a. At the request of the department of Computer Science, a proposal to create the course CSC/MA 414/514—Foundations of Cryptography (presented by Dr. Doug Reeves) was approved.
   b. At the request of the Fitts Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, a proposal to create the course ISE 411/511—Supply Chain Economics and Decision Making (presented by Dr. Doug Reeves) was approved.

   College of Humanities and Social Sciences
   a. At the request of the Department of Political Science, a proposal to create the course PS 561—Nuclear Strategy and Nonproliferation (presented by Dr. Deanna Dannels) was approved.
Poole College of Management

a. At the request of the Department of Business Management, a proposal to create the course MBA 534—Core Concepts of Human Capital Management (presented by Dr. Steve Allen) was approved pending consultation with faculty on a potential title change.

A motion was made to approve items b – c as a course package. The motion was passed, and these items were approved.

b. At the request of the Department of Business Management, a proposal to create the course MBA 548—Analytical Supply Chain Management (presented by Dr. Steve Allen)

c. At the request of the Department of Business Management, a proposal to create the course MBA 565—Marketing Analytics (presented by Dr. Steve Allen)

d. At the request of the Department of Business Management, a proposal to create the course MBA 566—Digital Marketing (presented by Dr. Steve Allen)

C. Course Revisions

College of Design

a. At the request of the Department of Art and Design, a proposal to edit course ADN 560—Graduate Studio I: Immersive and Experimental Narratives (presented by Dr. Sharon Joines) was approved.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

A motion was made to approve items a – b as a course package. The motion was passed, and these items were approved.

a. At the request of the Department of History, a proposal to edit course HI/WGS 447/547—Women in America: From Contact to the Civil War (presented by Dr. Deanna Dannels)
b. At the request of the Department of History, a proposal to edit course HI/WGS 448/548—American Women in the Twentieth Century (presented by Dr. Deanna Dannels)

**Poole College of Management**

A motion was made to approve items a – b as a course package. The motion was passed, and these items were approved.

a. At the request of the Department of Business Management, a proposal to edit course MBA 551—Predictive Analytics for Business and Big Data (presented by Dr. Steve Allen)

b. At the request of the Department of Business Management, a proposal to edit course MBA 552—Data Engineering, Management and Warehousing (presented by Dr. Steve Allen)

**D. Minor Actions**

A motion was made to approve all items under section “D” as consent agenda items. The motion was passed and these items were approved.

**College of Agriculture and Life Science**

a. At the request of the Departments of Crop Science, Genetics, and Horticultural Science, a proposal to edit course CS/GN/HS 746—Cytogenetics in Plant Breeding

b. At the request of the Department of Horticultural Sciences, a proposal to edit course HS 420/520—Green Infrastructure

c. At the request of the Department of Crop & Soil Science, a proposal to edit course SSC 440/540—Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Soil Science and Agriculture
**College of Sciences**

a. At the request of the Department of Genetics, a proposal to edit course GN 450/550—Conservation Genetics  
b. At the request of the Department of Statistics, a proposal to edit course ST 503—Fundamentals of Linear Models and Regression  
c. At the request of the Department of Statistics, a proposal to edit course ST 517—Applied Statistical Methods I  
d. At the request of the Department of Statistics, a proposal to edit course ST 732—Longitudinal Data Analysis

**Wilson College of Textiles**

a. At the request of the Department of Textile Engineering Chemistry & Science, a proposal to edit course TT/NW 408/508—Nonwoven Product Development  
b. At the request of the Department of Textile Technology Management, a proposal to edit course TTM 731—Decision Models and Applications in Textile and Apparel Management

**III. Continued Business**

a. Time-Limit Extension Handbook Revision (presented by Dr. Peter Harries)

Dean Harries presented a draft of the re-written Time-Limit Extension Policy and opened the floor for revisions and feedback. There was a wide range of discussion based on what the communication objectives are pertaining to this section of the handbook, and how the rewording of the “coursework and research” content in the first paragraph will affect the expectations of students requesting the extension. The point of whether or not a statement of what happens if coursework is no longer relevant to a student’s proposed program was brought to Dean Harries’s attention, and concluded the discussion with the consensus that the vote will be tabled for another meeting once the language
ambiguity has been ironed out and a statement is added to address the purpose of a time-limit extension.

IV. New Business
   a. Stacking Certificates (presented by Dr. Peter Harries)

The Stacking of Certificates item was a discussion of the idea by which students can pursue two similar but independent graduate certificates (GCERTs) and apply the courses to a Master’s Degree. The process will not allow for triple counting of coursework, but will still allow students in the industry to pursue low-stake programs before committing to a full degree program. Ideally, the stackability of GCERTs will need to be proposed to the graduate school and presented before the Administrative Board of the Graduate School (ABGS) for a vote before they will be deemed “stackable”, but ultimately the idea will benefit programs in colleges such as: Textiles, Engineering, and Management. This was merely a discussion on the concept, so no decision was made regarding implementation. It will be brought up again in more detail in a later meeting.

V. Information Items
   a. Report from Graduate Student Association (GSA) (presented by Ms. Urmila Adhikari).

The GSA applications for the Travel Awards and the Teaching Assistant Awards are closed. Winners will be announced at the end of March, which is earlier than prior years, in order to notify the students who have received the awards and give the students who did not receive the awards an opportunity to find new opportunities. March 5th, 2020, GSA is hosting a town hall meeting with various members of different programs around campus (including Transportation) to address any concerns students have as well as answer detailed questions students may have.
VI. **Next scheduled meeting**

March 5, 2020

10:00 am

Winslow Hall 100

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.*