



The Graduate School

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Administrative Board of the Graduate School

October 15, 2020

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10:00 am

MINUTES

Members Present: Steve Allen, John Blondin, Lisa Chapman, Deanna Dannels, Cameron Denson, John Dole, Sharon Joines, Sam Jones, Srini Krishnamurthy, John Lee, Alun Lloyd, Pamela McCauley, Eric Money, James Mulholland, Spencer Muse, Melissa Pasquinelli, Kara Peters, Doug Reeves, Kuncheng Song, Eileen Taylor, Susan Tonkonogy, Kelly Umstead, Kayla Anima, Fashaad Crawford, Pierre Gremaud, Peter Harries, Lian Lynch, Tim Petty, Kyle Pysher

Members Absent: Jonathan Allen

Other Attendees: Brandon McConnell, Emily VanZoest

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from September 10, 2020 were approved.

II. Administrative Board Action Items

A. Program Actions

College of Engineering

- a. At the request of the departments of Industrial & Systems Engineering and Operations & Supply Chain Management, a proposal to create the GCERT in Engineering Management Foundations (presented by Mr. Brandon McConnell) was approved.

Interdisciplinary

- a. At the request of the department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology, a proposal to delete inactive plans and update descriptions for active plans in the Student Information System (SIS) (presented by Dr. Alun Lloyd) was approved.

B. Course Actions

A motion was made to vote on the items under Section B as consent agenda. The motion was passed, and the items were approved.

College of Education

- a. At the request of the department of Math, Science, and Technology Education, a proposal to create the course EMS 780—Foundational Learning Theories in STEM Education

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- a. At the request of the department of Foreign Languages & Literature, a proposal to edit the course FLF 520—Approaches to Literary Theory and Culture

College of Natural Resources

- a. At the request of the Center of Geospatial Analytics, a proposal to create the course GIS 532—Geospatial Data Science and Analysis

College of Sciences

- a. At the request of the Biological Sciences, a proposal to create the course BIO/PSC 555—Creative Media Production for Scientists

College of Veterinary Medicine

- a. At the request of the CVM Deans Office, a proposal to create the course CBS 660—Fundamentals of Comparative Molecular Medicine
- b. At the request of the CVM Deans Office, a proposal to create the course CBS 775—Designing population-based research

C. Course Revisions

A motion was made to vote on the items under Section C as consent agenda. The motion was passed, and the items were approved.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- b. At the request of the department of Social Work, a proposal to edit the course SW 510—Research Methods of for Social Work

College of Veterinary Medicine

- a. At the request of the Teaching – DoCS Department, a proposal to edit course VMC 939—Small Animal Primary Care

D. Minor Actions

A motion was made to vote on the items under Section D as consent agenda. The motion was passed, and the items were approved.

College of Design

- a. At the request of the Department of Art and Design, a proposal to edit course ADN 501—Graduate Seminar II: Art + Design as Future Making
- b. At the request of the Department of Art and Design, a proposal to edit course ADN 510—Graduate Seminar III: Final Project Research

College of Engineering

- a. At the request of the Fitts Department Industrial & Systems Engineering, a proposal to edit course ISE 537—Statistical Models for Systems Analytics in Industrial Engineering

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- a. At the request of the department of Social Work, a proposal to edit course SW 590—Social Work Capstone

College of Sciences

- a. At the request of the Department of Biological Sciences, a proposal to edit course BIO 488/588—Neurobiology

College of Veterinary Medicine

- a. At the request of the Teaching – DoCS Department, a proposal to edit course VMC 996—Advanced Exotic Animal Medicine

III. New Business

- a. Discussion of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) grading policy (presented by Dean Harries)

Dean Peter Harries discussed the previously used grading options during COVID for students: the ability to drop courses late in the semester or switch lower letter-graded courses to S/U grading after receiving a low grade in the course. He opened the floor to the members of the

Administrative Board of the Graduate School (ABGS) to comment and or share alternative suggestions for the currently policy. A member suggested that the current policy allows for student GPAs to be skewed by the S/U policy. A solution may be to raise the grade requirements for an S from a C- minimum to a B- minimum, or to follow a similar process as students would for a "late drop" and provide justification for wanting to switch to S/U grading late in the semester. There is no vote on changing the policy, and this policy will be discussed further during the next meeting.

IV. Information Items

- a. Report from Graduate Student Association (GSA) (presented by Mr. Kuncheng Song)

The GSA is planning a Research Project contest as a follow-up to their conference, by which will be held in the Spring so that students will have all of Winter Break to prepare for it. Students' work will be posted in a virtual exhibition to showcase their hard work.

- b. Report from Faculty Senate (presented by Dr. Eileen Taylor)

Faculty Senate is requesting that all faculty look out for a call for volunteers regarding COVID and Spring 2021 planning. There is a potential to move to a Spring schedule to mirror UNC-Chapel Hill to accommodate pre-start COVID testing.

V. Next scheduled meeting

November 12, 2020

10:00 am

[Zoom](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.