Administrative Board of the Graduate School
November 12, 2020

Zoom
10:00 am

MINUTES


Members Absent: Srini Krishnamurthy, Kelly Umstead

Other Attendees: Lexie Malico, Emily VanZoest

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

I. Approval of Minutes
   October 15, 2020 was approved.
II. Administrative Board Action Items

A. Program Actions

*College of Engineering*

a. At the request of the College of Engineering, a proposal to create a Graduate Certificate in Health Physics (presented by Dr. Kara Peters & Dr. Doug Reeves) was approved.

B. Course Actions

The items under section B were tabled for the next meeting.

*College of Design*

a. At the request of the department of Art and Design, a proposal to create the course ADN 511—Graduate Seminar IV: Final Project Documentation

b. At the request of the department of Landscape Architecture, a proposal to create the course LAR 607—Natural Hazards, Disasters and Climate Change Adaptation Lecture Series

*College of Veterinary Medicine*

a. At the request of the CVM Deans Office, a proposal to create the course CBS / SLC 663—Leadership in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences

b. At the request of the Teaching – DoCS Department, a proposal to create the course VMC 938—Advanced Small Animal Primary Care

C. Course Revisions

The items under section C were tabled for the next meeting.
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
   a. At the request of the Department of Crop & Soil Sciences, a proposal to drop course ECO 601—Ecology Seminar

College of Design
   a. At the request of the Department of Crop & Soil Sciences, a proposal to drop course ADN 571—Graduate Studio IV: Final Project Development

Poole College of Management
   a. At the request of the Department of Economics, a proposal to drop the course ECG / FIM / MA / MBA 528—Options and Derivatives Pricing

D. Minor Actions
   The items under section D were tabled for the next meeting.

College of Natural Resources
   a. At the request of the Center for Geospatial Analytics, a proposal to edit course GIS / CSC 711—Geospatial Data Management

College of Sciences
   a. At the request of the Department of Mathematics, a proposal to edit course MA 726—Algebraic Geometry

College of Veterinary Medicine
   a. At the request of the Teaching – DoCS Department, a proposal to edit course VMC 902—Small Animal Rounds
III. Continued Business
   a. Discussion of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) S/U grading policy (presented by Dean Harries)

Dean Harries presented a letter sent by the President of the Student Senate and GSA regarding the mental health of students during COVID. The Administrative Board of the Graduate School (ABGS) brought points of this letter into a discussion, and though they sympathize with mental health struggles, the concerns regarding the grading methods are focused on skewed GPAs and the integrity of Master’s Degrees based on the S/U grades. The ABGS discussed the current options outside of the S/U grading methods. A motion was made to change the lowest possible grade for the S/U grading from a C- to a B- for the span of the pandemic. The motion was passed, and the item was approved.

IV. Information Items
   a. Report from Graduate Student Association (GSA) (presented by Mr. Kuncheng Song)

   The GSA representative presented the following documents for ABGS Review: GSA Statement on Proposed Duration of Stay Changes and Spring Reopening Statement.

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

Dr. Taylor summarized the results from the Employee Engagement Survey.

V. Next scheduled meeting

December 17, 2020
10:00 am
Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.