



The Graduate School

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## **Administrative Board of the Graduate School**

**November 12, 2020**

**[Zoom](#)**

**10:00 am**

### **MINUTES**

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

**Members Absent:** Srinu 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.**