

**Graduate Programs Committee &  
University Graduate Council Minutes  
January 24, 2024**

**Attendees:** Paul Peluso, Chair, Mihaela Cardei, Art Sementelli, Danielle Groton, Rob Pinsker, Eric Berlatsky, Mahyar Shirai, Masoud Lashaki, David Newman, Marianne Porter, Dawn Frood, Tobin Hindle.

**Guests:** Robert Stackman, Mark Di Corcia, Jen Foster, Marie Claire De Massi, Stephen Steppe, Jaquarius Pierre, Christine Kraft.

- I. Meeting called to order by Paul Peluso, Chair, at 2:02 pm.
- II. Announcements/discussion items.
- III. Minutes from the December 13, 2023 UGC Meeting were unanimously approved.
- IV. Curricula items submitted for review and approval by GPC.
- V. Curricula items approved by UGC.
- VI. Meeting adjourned by Paul Peluso, Chair, at 3:55 pm

**New Curriculum Proposals for January 24, 2024**

| Curriculum Document Type       | Title                                                                | College (Department)             | Credit | Action | Agenda  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
|                                | <b>Reviewers by College:<br/>Nursing, Science</b>                    | <b>Business</b>                  |        |        |         |
| <a href="#">Course Change</a>  | ACG 6137 Financial Reporting & Accounting Concepts                   | Business                         |        | A      | Consent |
|                                | <b>Reviewers by College:<br/>Engineering &amp; Computer Science,</b> | <b>Education</b>                 |        |        |         |
| <a href="#">Program Change</a> | PHD Educational Leadership & Research Methodology                    | Education                        |        | A      | N/A     |
|                                | <b>Reviewers by College:<br/>Nursing</b>                             | <b>Medicine &amp; Biomedical</b> |        |        |         |
| <a href="#">Course Change</a>  | MDE 8067 Transition to Residency (TTR)                               | Medicine                         |        | A      | Consent |
|                                | <b>Reviewers by College:<br/>SWCJ, Medicine/Biomedical Science</b>   | <b>Science</b>                   |        |        |         |
| <a href="#">Course Change</a>  | MAA 5228 Introductory Analysis 1                                     | Science                          |        | A      | Consent |
|                                | <b>Additional Items</b>                                              |                                  |        |        |         |
| <a href="#">Catalog Change</a> | College of Business                                                  |                                  |        | A      | Consent |
| <a href="#">Catalog Change</a> | College of Science                                                   |                                  |        | A      | Consent |

## **A. Business**

1. Course Change: ACG 6137 Financial Reporting & Accounting Concepts
  - a) Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - b) Approved, as is.

## **B. Education**

2. Program Change: PHD Educational Leadership & Research Methodology
  - a) Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - b) Approved, as is.

## **C. Medicine**

3. Course Change: MDE 8067 Transition to Residency
  - a) Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - b) Approved, as is.

## **D. Science**

4. Course Change: MAA 5228 Introductory Analysis 1
  - a) Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - b) Approved, as is.

**Catalog Changes:** Two catalog changes were presented and unanimously approved.

### **Additional Items:**

**3MT:** Dr. Bob Stackman, Dean of the Graduate College, reminded everyone that the 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) competition will be held March 18-21, 2024. Information on

**Unsatisfactory Dissertations:** A committee member asked if there is a policy regarding students receiving 2 consecutive Unsatisfactory scores on their dissertation. Lively conversation ensued. The Dean said there should be a conversation between the advisor and the student. A request for flexibility within programs to work with the students and decide what should be done.

**State Legislation-Countries of Concern:** Dean Stackman shared concern that there is no process in place and the several steps to vet/screen international students from the countries of concern, would delay admissions. The students can be admitted but not funded. Donovan Diaz is the point person at the university overseeing this issue.

**Reapplication:** Stephen Steppe, Director of Graduate Admissions, explained the reason students need to reapply after being out for 3 semesters. To avoid this, students may want to follow the process and take a leave of absence.

**GPSA:** Jaquarius Pierre was introduced as the new director of GPSA. She informed the members of upcoming events. GPSA Research Day will be March 27, 2024. There will also be an upcoming speed-reading course offered. Poster printing service is available for Graduate Students.

**The next Graduate Program Committee/University Graduate Council  
meeting will be held on February 21, 2024.**