

University Graduate Programs Committee (Via Zoom)
December 8, 2021
Meeting Minutes

GPC Committee Attendees: Chris Beetle (GPC Chair), Lisa Dario, Thomas O'Brien, Beth King, Mihaela Cardei, Eric Berlatsky, Arthur Sementelli, Paul Peluso, Anita Pennathur, Massimo Caputi.

Guest Attendees: Brian Farrell, Liana Smith, Brian Hodge, William Kalies, Debra Szabo, Julieann Ulin, Andra Opalinski, Sue Bulfin.

- I. Meeting called to order by GPC Chair, Christopher Beetle, at 2:01 pm.
- II. Announcements/Discussion Items
 - A. No announcements
- III. The minutes from the last GPC Meeting held on November 3, 2021 were approved by the committee.
- IV. Curricula items submitted for review and approval by GPC

The below items/curricula proposals were reviewed:

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: CSWCJ, Nursing				
Course Change	ENG6009: Principles and Problems of Literary Study	Arts & Letters	3	
Reviewers by College: A&L, Education				
New Combined Degree Program	BS or BA in Computer Science, Computer Engineering or Electrical Engineering to MS in Information Technology and Management (Adv. Information Technology and CS Data Analytics concentrations)	Engineering	N/A	
New Combined Degree Program	BS in Data Science and Analytics (Data Science and Engineering concentration) to MS in Data Science and Analytics (DSE concentration) or MS in Information Technology and Management (AIT or CS DA concentrations) or MS in Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	N/A	
Program Change	All Graduate degree programs in the College of Engineering and Computer Science – Foreign Credentials	Engineering	N/A	
Reviewers by College: Business, Medicine, Engineering				
Course Change	NGR7124: Theory Guided Models for Advanced Practice Nursing	Nursing	3	

Course Change	NGR7738: Public Policy in the Context of Nursing and Health	Nursing	3	
Course Change	NGR7767: Advanced Practice Nursing Essentials of Practice Management	Nursing	3	
New Course	NGR7662: Population-Based Healthcare and Health Equity	Nursing	3	
New Course	NGR7768: The Role of the Doctor of Nursing Practice as Scholar	Nursing	3	
New Course	NGR7795: Inter-Professional Leadership in Healthcare	Nursing	3	
New Course	NGR7855: Translation of Evidence for Advanced Practice Nursing	Nursing	3	
New Course	NGR7876: Caring, Informatics and Technology in Advanced Nursing Practice	Nursing	3	
New Course	NGR7895: Healthcare System Analysis and Quality Improvement	Nursing	3	
New Course	NGR7947: Practicum for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	Nursing	1-3	
New Course	NGR7974: Doctor of Nursing Practice Proposal Development	Nursing	3	
New Course	NGR7975: Project Implementation, Evaluation and Dissemination	Nursing	1-3	
Program Change	BSN to DNP	Nursing	N/A	
Program Change	Post MSN DNP	Nursing	N/A	
Reviewers by College: Business, Medicine, Engineering				
New Course	RAT6904: Directed Independent Study	Science	1-3	
Program Change	Combined BA or BS in Mathematics (WHC) to MS in Applied Mathematics and Statistics	Science	N/A	
Program Change	Combined BS-MS with Major in Applied Mathematics and Statistics	Science	N/A	
Program Change	MS with Major in Applied Mathematics and Statistics	Science	N/A	
Program Change	Ph.D. and MA in Psychology	Science	N/A	

A: Approved, as is: AC: Approved Contingent on changes: T: Tabled

Additional Discussion Items	
Title	Department
Fully Online Program Review Discussion	GPC Chair, Chris Beetle

Supplemental Curriculum Proposals for December 8, 2021

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
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Reviewers by College: A&L, CSWCJ				
Program Change	Doctorate of Education	Education	N/A	
Reviewers by College: A&L, Education				
Program Change	All Graduate degree programs in the College of Engineering and Computer Science – GRE Waiver	Engineering	N/A	

- A. College of Arts & Letters curricula items
 - 1. Course Change: ENG6009: Principles and Problems of Literary Study
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
- B. College of Engineering and Computer Science curricula items
 - 1. Motion and second to consider the NCDP's together
 - a. Approved, to consider together.
 - b. William Kalies: Question about coursework and should it be more explicit as to how many credits can be double-counted.
 - c. Chris Beetle: Perhaps the wording should say something more like "alternate courses" rather than "additional courses" in the table on the first page of the supporting documents.
 - 2. New Combined Degree Program: BS or BA in Computer Science, Computer Engineering or Electrical Engineering to MS in Information Technology and Management (Adv. Information Technology and CS Data Analytics concentrations)
 - a. Motion and second to approve, with amendment to table as detailed above.
 - b. Approved, as amended.
 - 3. New Combined Degree Program: BS in Data Science and Analytics (Data Science and Engineering concentration) to MS in Data Science and Analytics (DSE concentration) or MS in Information Technology and Management (AIT or CS DA concentrations) or MS in Artificial Intelligence
 - a. Motion and second to approve, with amendment to table as detailed above.
 - b. Approved, as amended.
 - 4. Program Change: All Graduate degree programs in the College of Engineering and Computer Science – Foreign Credentials
 - a. Mihaela Cardei: A general evaluation should speed up the process when getting foreign transcripts evaluated when compared to a course-by-course evaluation.
 - b. Art Sementelli: As long as we still get the translation table, on the back-end, I'm fine with it.
 - c. Liana Smith: There may be other catalog language that will need to be revised as well.
 - d. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - e. Approved, as is.
- C. College of Nursing curricula items
 - 1. Sue Bulfin: The three (3) Course Changes can be considered together, the nine (9) New Course proposals can also be considered together and the two (2) Program Changes can be considered together.

- a. Art: I would like to consider these individually as they may conflict with course in Public Policy in A&L.
 - b. Chris: They will be considered individually.
2. Course Change: NGR7124: Theory Guided Models for Advanced Practice Nursing
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
3. Course Change: NGR7738: Public Policy in the Context of Nursing and Health
 - a. Art: This may conflict with similar courses in Public Policy in the College of Arts & Letters. No documentation that shows Nursing reached out to A&L.
 - b. Sue: This course has been taught for 15 years with no conflict. It is very specific to Nursing as it requires admission to the DNP program. I was unaware that this was a requirement in this instance.
 - c. Andra Opalinski: The coursework is linked, very specifically, to Nursing.
 - d. Andra: We will send it to Public Policy people in A&L and bring it back next month.
 - e. Motion and second to Table this item pending receipt of memo of support from Public Policy in A&L.
 - f. Approved. This item will be Tabled.
4. Course Change: NGR7767: Advanced Practice Nursing Essentials of Practice Management
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
5. New Course: NGR7662: Population-Based Healthcare and Health Equity
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
6. New Course: NGR7768: The Role of the Doctor of Nursing Practice as Scholar
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
7. New Course: NGR7795: Inter-Professional Leadership in Healthcare
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
8. New Course: NGR7855: Translation of Evidence for Advanced Practice Nursing
 - a. Mihaela: Pre-req says "Permission of Department"...why?
 - b. Sue: It should probably say "Admission into program".
 - c. Chris: Pre-req should read "None".
 - d. Motion and second to approve, with amendment to Pre-reqs.
 - e. Approved, as amended.
9. New Course: NGR7876: Caring, Informatics and Technology in Advanced Nursing Practice
 - a. Chris: Same as above re: Pre-reqs
 - b. Motion and second to approve, with amendment to Pre-reqs.
 - c. Approved, as amended.
10. New Course: NGR7895: Healthcare System Analysis and Quality Improvement
 - a. Chris: Same as above.
 - b. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - c. Approved, as is.
11. New Course: NGR7947: Practicum for the Doctor of Nursing Practice
 - a. Beth King: Pre-reqs should show course number as well.

- b. Motion and second to approve, with amendment to Pre-reqs.
 - c. Approved, as amended.
- 12. New Course: NGR7974: Doctor of Nursing Practice Proposal Development
 - a. Chris: Same as above.
 - b. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - c. Approved, as is.
- 13. New Course: NGR7975: Project Implementation, Evaluation and Dissemination
 - a. Chris: Same as above
 - b. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - c. Approved, as is.
- 14. Program Change: BSN to DNP
 - a. Sue: This is not a dual-degree but rather a BSN direct to DNP program. All new course (above) are now in this proposal with the corrected course numbers.
 - b. Chris: I would suggest adding a red-line version of the catalog content.
 - c. Motion and second to approve, as amended with red-line version of the catalog content.
 - d. Brian Hodge: How will current students be “rolled into” these changes?
 - e. Sue: Current students will be matriculated into this version.
 - f. Motion and second to approve, as amended.
 - g. Approved, as amended.
- 15. Program Change: Post MSN DNP
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
- D. College of Science curricula items
 - 1. New Course: RAT6904: Directed Independent Study
 - a. Mihaela: Should Effective Date be later than Spring 2022
 - b. Chris: This will not be considered by Faculty Senate until January, 2022 but this will allow students to enroll beyond January while still in the Spring semester.
 - c. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - d. Approved, as is.
 - 2. Chris: Can the next three (3) Program Changes, regarding the MS in Mathematica & Applied Mathematics and Statistics, be considered together?
 - a. Motion and second to consider together.
 - b. Approved to be considered together.
 - 3. Program Change: Combined BA or BS in Mathematics (WHC) to MS in Applied Mathematics and Statistics
 - a. William Kalies: This program needed a plan and the committee decided that this program would merge with Applied Mathematics degree and offer different concentrations. The intent would also be to terminate the Applied Mathematics and Statistics program.
 - b. Chris: The two (2) Program Change cover pages should be amended by removing the word “Combined” from the Program Name and only reference the individual programs themselves. Also, reverse the order of the cover pages so the program being terminated is second.
 - c. Brian Hodge: Is intent to have “Concentration” listed on the diploma/transcript?
 - i. William: Yes, that is correct.
 - d. Motion and second to approve, as amended.

- e. Approved, as amended.
 - 4. Program Change: Combined BS-MS with Major in Applied Mathematics and Statistics
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
 - 5. Program Change: MS with Major in Applied Mathematics and Statistics
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
 - 6. Program Change: Ph.D. and MA in Psychology
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
- E. Additional Curricula Items on Supplemental Agenda
 - 1. Doctorate of Education – College of Education
 - a. Motion and second to consider this item today.
 - b. Approved, to consider today.
 - c. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - d. Approved, as is.
 - 2. All Graduate degree programs in the College of Engineering and Computer Science - GRE Waiver – College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - a. Motion and second to consider this item today.
 - b. Approved, to consider today.
 - c. Lisa Dario: Any requirement to make this permanent by the individual departments/programs?
 - i. Chris: No, not at the present time.
 - d. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - e. Approved, as is.
- V. Additional Discussion Items
 - A. Fully Online Program Review Discussion
 - 1. Chris: There is a current program, delivered in face-to-face mode, that wants to also have a fully online version with no other changes other than the mode of delivery. Would something like that need to come before this committee?
 - a. Eric Berlatsky: I don't believe this has ever been a requirement or the purview of this committee. I don't even know that we would be reviewing or considering! I don't think we should get involved.
 - b. Deb Szabo: This is now a sub-policy with SACS so you should reach out to Russ Ivey for clarification.
 - c. Art: Mode of delivery has always been a "faculty decision". This committee would be over-riding that faculty in that case.
 - d. Eric: Not exactly correct. Administrators make the schedule, not faculty. They then notify faculty as to the mode of delivery.
 - e. Brian: In conversation with Dan Meeroff & Chris Beetle it was felt this did not rise to the level of consideration by GPC. Chris just wanted to bring this before the GPC to see if anyone had any objections.
 - f. Paul Peluso: Will SACS require, via COCE, some kind of notification?
 - ii. Deb: Yes, SACS will need some kind of notification when this happens.
 - g. Eric: Historically, departments could run courses online without COCE approval/consideration. This might be a good thing to have a discussion about with faculty governance going forward.

- h. Chris: I would like to get a motion for a resolution that programs being offered online, with no changes to content, do not need to come before this committee.
 - i. Motion and second
 - ii. Approved
- i. Chris: There is a “rumor” that this may become a requirement of COCE/SACS in the near future.
- j. Paul: What if COCE were to submit a list of courses, monthly or whatever, to GPC for consideration to see if there are any objections? Concerned with faculty not having any role in this.
- k. Art: Some things don’t translate well from one mode of delivery to another.
- l. Eric: They tend to push things that are asynchronous. Many disciplines require interactions that cannot be done in an asynchronous manner.
- m. Art: In an asynchronous environment, some things get lost in the translation...no matter how many times they are discussed and/or explained!
- n. Deb: Posted wording directly from SACS: Anytime a program is offered 50% or more in a specific manner, it requires notification to SACS. If you plan to continue offering in a given manner, you must notify SACS.
- o. Chris: The bottom line, if there are questions, it might be a good idea to bring before faculty governance to discuss further. Ultimately, this decision should come from faculty with governance guidance, if necessary.
- p. Chris: The members of this committee should probably mull this over and come to next month’s GPC meeting for further discussion. Add this as an agenda item for next month’s meeting.

VI. Roundtable

- A. Art: Annual Colloquium on Public Administration will be held online, January 28, 2022, if anyone would like to attend. Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Michael Speiser.

VII. Meeting adjourned by Christopher Beetle, GPC Chair, at 3:36 p.m.

The next Graduate Program Committee meeting is January 26, 2022