

University Graduate Programs Committee (Via Zoom)
February 24, 2021
Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by GPC Chair, Christopher Beetle at 2:01 pm.
- II. Announcements
 - A. No announcements from GPC Chair
- III. The minutes from the last GPC meeting on January 27th were unanimously approved.
- IV. GPC Chair, Chris Beetle, asked permission to re-order items on the agenda.
 - A. Motion and second to move GRE Discussion, the two (2) Engineering Phd's & the Neuroscience PhD to the top of the agenda, in that order.
 1. Approved unanimously by the committee.
- V. Discussion
 - A. Extension of GRE/GMAT Waiver – Dean Robert Stackman
 1. The Graduate College proposes extended the temporary waiver of GRE/GMAT scores through Fall 2022.
 2. Each program would still have the opportunity to opt-out of this proposal.
 3. Jan Macko shared a link to the website showing the status of each program.
 4. Bob: It is important to make sure colleges are aware of their position when reviewing applications.
 - B. Discussion of PhD programs from Engineering – Brian Hodge, Registrar
 1. Was it the intent of the College of Engineering to have concentrations in these programs?
 - a. Mihaela Cardei: Yes, that is the intent.
 2. That being the case, can you clarify the coursework under the “Degree Requirements Section” of the catalog description? Maybe put the coursework in a table, as other programs have done, to help clarify exactly what coursework is available and required.
 - C. Discussion of new PhD program from Science
 1. Referring to point #5 in “Degree Requirements” section: Are there 3 rotations or 4?
 - a. Randy Blakely: There are actually 4, in needed. It's not truly a rotation if a student goes back to the same lab.
 2. Chris: Proposed changing the rotational credit value from 3 to 4 in the table of Required Core Courses. Also, amend point #5 to included wording such as: 4 rotational courses are included in core and only 1 lab can be revisited.
 3. Chris also proposed making separate PDFs of Library Resources and CVs before submitting to Steering and Senate.
 - D. The below items/curriculum proposals were reviewed:

New Curriculum Proposals for February 24, 2021

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: CSWCJ, Nursing				
New Course	ITT6605: Dante in the West	Arts & Letters	3	
New Course	SPW6325: African Diaspora in Latin American: Literature and Culture	Arts & Letters	3	
Program Change	MFA in Visual Arts: Part-time	Arts & Letters	N/A	
Program Change	MFA in Visual Arts: Deadlines	Arts & Letters	N/A	
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, CSWCJ				
Program Change	Master's in Educational Psychology	Education	N/A	
Reviewers by College: A & L, Education				
Course Change	CAP6546: Data Mining for Bioinformatics	Engineering	3	
New Course	BME6390: Neural Engineering	Engineering	3	
New Course	BME6718: Computational Modeling of Biological Neural Networks	Engineering	3	
Program Change	PhD in Electrical Engineering	Engineering	N/A	
Program Change	PhD in Mechanical Engineering	Engineering	N/A	
Reviewers by College: Business, Medicine, Engineering				
Course Change	OCE6972: Marine Science and Oceanography Master's Research	Science	1-6	
New Program	PhD in Neuroscience	Science	N/A	
Program Change	MST in Mathematics	Science	N/A	

A: Approved, A/C: Approved with changes, T: Tabled

Additional Discussion Items	
Title	Department
Draft of proposal to extend the GRE/GMAT waiver	Graduate College

Arts & Letters

- a. The New Course Proposal for ITT6605: Dante in the West was approved unanimously by the committee.
- b. The New Course Proposal for SPW6325: African Diaspora in Latin American: Literature and Culture was approved unanimously by the committee.

- c. The Program Change for the MFA in Visual Arts: Part-time was approved unanimously by the committee contingent on the inclusion of a red-line version of the catalog changes & changing the Effective Date on the cover page.
- d. The Program Change for the MFA in Visual Arts: Deadlines was approved unanimously by the committee contingent on the inclusion of a red-line version of the catalog changes & changing the Effective Date on the cover page.

Education

- a. The Program Change for the Master's in Educational Psychology was approved unanimously by the committee.

Engineering

- a. The Course Change Proposal for CAP6546: Data Mining for Bioinformatics was approved unanimously by the committee contingent of the inclusion of a support email from the MS in Data committee.
- b. The New Course Proposal for BME6390: Neural Engineering was approved unanimously by the committee.
- c. The New Course Proposal for BME6718: Computational Modeling of Biological Neural Networks was approved unanimously by the committee.
- d. The Program Change for the PhD in Electrical Engineering was approved unanimously by the committee contingent on clarification of the catalog entry as discussed above.
- e. The Program Change for the PhD in Mechanical Engineering was approved unanimously by the committee contingent on clarification of the catalog entry as discussed above.

Science

- a. The Course Change Proposal for OCE6972: Marine Science and Oceanography Master's Research was approved unanimously by the committee.
- b. The New Program Proposal for the PhD in Neuroscience was approved unanimously by the committee contingent on the corrections to the catalog entry as discussed above.
- c. The Program Change for the MST in Mathematics was approved unanimously by the committee contingent on the inclusion of a support email from the College of Education.

VI. Roundtable Discussion

- A. No discussion items brought up.

VII. Meeting adjourned by Christopher Beetle, GPC Chair, at 3:14 p.m.

The next Graduate Programs Committee meeting is March 24, 2021.