

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2018

Members Present: Barth, Tom – Political Science & Public Administration
Beorkrem, Chris – School of Architecture
Boyd, Suzanne – School of Social Work
Fitchett, Paul – Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education
Godev, Concepción – Languages & Culture Studies
Haynes, Christine – History
Mauer, David – Finance
Reynolds, Tom – Graduate School
Su, Zhengchang – Computer Science
Valley, Taylor – GPSG Representative, Public Administration
Wu, Jay – Infrastructure & Environmental Systems (INES)
Zheng, Nigel – Mechanical Engineering & Engineering Science

Also Attending: Caudle, Kristopher – Office of Legal Affairs
Delmelle, Eric – Geography & Earth Sciences
Giddings, Kathy – Graduate School
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Humphrey, Jesh – Office of Legal Affairs
Jordan, Lou Ann – Special Education & Child Development
Morse, Janet – Graduate School
Tankersley, Rick – Research & Graduate Education, CLAS
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Academic Affairs

Absent: McCloud, Sean – Religious Studies
Sanders, Bridgette – Atkins Library

I. Report of the Chair – Chair Christine Haynes

• Approval of the December 5, 2017, Meeting Minutes:

Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve the December 5, 2017, Graduate Council meeting minutes as submitted. Barth made the motion with a second from Fitchett. The motion was approved by the majority vote, with one abstention.

• Publicizing Comments in Curriculog:

When Graduate Council members comment on proposals in Curriculog, those comments are only visible to other Graduate Council members. Chair Haynes would like to make Graduate Council's comments public for all users involved with the proposal to view in order to expedite requested revisions. The Council's concern is many of the comments are resolved during meeting discussions. If users are aware only revisions requested by the Curriculog Administrator, Christi Skerlak, are required then they are open to the change.

II. Report of the Dean – Dean Tom Reynolds

- Today is the last day to drop or add courses without a petition. Due to the large number of late drop/add petitions the Graduate School receives each year, Dean Reynolds encouraged everyone to be proactive and get those resolved today in order to ensure we meet our spring enrollment goals.
- The Graduate School's philanthropic awards are now posted on the scholarship portal, making them available to students that you are trying to recruit. Applications are due by March 15th (with a few exceptions).
- Suggestions regarding the Graduate Funding Task Force are welcome and can be made through GPDNet at www.egem.uncc.edu.

III. Discussion Topics and other Items of Business

• **Standardized Test Waiver Proposal:**

Johnna Watson, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, invited Kristopher Caudle and Jesh Humphrey, from the Office of Legal Affairs, to give an overview of the legal ramifications for one-time test score waivers and answer questions. Humphrey explained the need for consistency and by not having clear standards for test waivers programs run the risk for claims of discrimination. Chair Haynes will send the proposal out for GPD comments and asked the Council to discuss with faculty of their colleges in preparation to vote on this proposal at the February Graduate Council meeting.

• **Time Limits and Course Revalidation Proposal:**

Katherine Hall-Hertel, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, gave an overview of proposed revisions to current time limit and course revalidation policies which was introduced at the December 5, 2017, Graduate Council meeting. Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made a motion with a second from Beorkrem. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Course and Curriculum Proposal

1. **Degree Name Change: *Data Science and Business Analytics Professional Science Masters (DSBA PSM)* changed to *Data Science Professional Science Masters (DS PSM)*:**

A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Barth made a motion with a second from Beorkrem. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **DSBA 6010 [New Course] – Special Topics in Data Science and Business Analytics**

A discussion took place and the following revisions were requested.

- Change Moodle to Canvas.
- Required UNC Charlotte policies are missing. Please refer to the syllabus boilerplate on the Faculty Governance website for guidance.
<https://facultygovernance.uncc.edu/resources-materials-templates>

Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal pending revisions. Beorkrem made a motion with a second from Fitchett. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. DSBA 6345 [New Course] – Modern Data Science Systems

A discussion took place and the following revisions were requested.

- Should have the same syllabus as ITCS 6345 if cross-listed.
- Topic Outline – make consistent.

Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal pending revisions. Valley made a motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. ITCS 6345 – Modern Data Science Systems

A discussion took place and the following revisions were requested.

- Should have the same syllabus as DSBA 6345 if cross-listed.
- Topic Outline – make consistent.
- Confirm a clear graduate level grading scale is included.

Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal pending revisions. Valley made a motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. ITIS 6250/8250 [New Course] – Quantum Information Theory

A discussion took place and the following comments were shared.

- Should the course title be Quantum Computing?
- Syllabus is vague; please refer to the syllabus boilerplate on the Faculty Governance website for guidance. <https://facultygovernance.uncc.edu/resources-materials-templates>

Chair Haynes called for a motion to table this proposal until concerns were addressed. The Council suggested inviting a representative from the department to our next meeting to answer questions. Boyd made a motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Electrical Engineering, Ph.D. [Program Revision] – *Credit requirements for PhD in ECE*

A discussion took place and the following revisions were requested.

- Provide more details about the proposed changes and your justification.
- Is GRAD 9800 an option?

There being no further discussion, Chair Haynes called for a motion to reject this proposal until the department addresses concerns. The Council suggested inviting a representative from the department to our next meeting to answer questions. Godev made a motion with a second from Barth. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. EMGT 5141 [New Graduate Course] – Engineering Experimental Design

Deferred to the February meeting.

8. Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science and Technology [New Graduate Certificate]

Eric Delmelle, from the department of Geography and Earth Sciences, gave a brief overview and answered questions. A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approval this proposal as submitted. Godev made the motion with a second from Barth. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. GEOG 5180 [New Course] – Web GIS

Eric Delmelle, from the department of Geography and Earth Sciences, gave a brief overview and answered questions. A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Beorkrem. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. GEOG 6125/8125 [New Course] – Geographic Information Science and Technology

Eric Delmelle, from the department of Geography and Earth Sciences, gave a brief overview and answered questions. A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Beorkrem. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. GEOG 6182/8182 [New Course] – Agent-based Modeling of Coupled Human and Natural Systems

Eric Delmelle, from the department of Geography and Earth Sciences, gave a brief overview and answered questions. A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Beorkrem. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. GEOG 6282/8282 [New Course] – CyberGIS and Big Data

Eric Delmelle, from the department of Geography and Earth Sciences, gave a brief overview and answered questions. A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Beorkrem. The motion was approved unanimously.

13. GEOG 6405/8405 [New Course] – Geovisualization

Eric Delmelle, from the department of Geography and Earth Sciences, gave a brief overview and answered questions. A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Beorkrem. The motion was approved unanimously.

14. Special Education, Adapted Curriculum and General Curriculum, Graduate Certificate [Graduate Program Revision]

Lou Ann Jordan, from the department of Special Education & Child Development, gave a brief overview and answered questions. A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Godev. The motion was approved unanimously.

15. Public Health Core Concepts, Graduate Certificate [Graduate Program Inactivation]

A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Beorkrem. The motion was approved unanimously.

16. SOWK 7146 [New Graduate Course] – Social Work Management and Leadership

A discussion took place and Chair Haynes called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Godev made the motion with a second from Su. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary to the Graduate Council