

University Graduate Programs Committee (Via Zoom)
September 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by GPC Chair, Christopher Beetle at 2:02 pm.
- II. No introductions were made.
- III. The minutes from the last GPC meeting on August 19th were unanimously approved.
- IV. Announcements
 - A. Chris announced that Russ Ivey will not attend today’s GPC meeting but will attend a future meeting.
 - B. Chris also proposed that, due to a scheduling conflict, Registrar Brian Hodge be allowed to speak first concerning policy proposals for the Awarding of Certificates.
- V. Awarding of Certificates Policy Proposals – Brian Hodge, Registrar
 - A. There have been many requests for certificates to be awarded “retroactively”.
 - B. We need a policy in place so we are consistent in what is being told to students.
 - C. A certificate can be awarded prior to the baccalaureate degree or graduate degree, if the program allows.
 - D. A written policy would ensure that credits are being accounted for accurately.
 - 1. Could credits count toward more than one certificate?
 - 2. Liana Smith: Other SUS schools seem to lean toward one certificate only.
 - 3. Eric Berlatsky: Why can’t a course count toward more than one certificate?
 - a. Does this make a statement about the educational quality of the institution? Not sure what the correct answer is to this question.
 - 4. Chris Beetle: If the course is essential to the specialization, it should count toward all certificates. Maybe required (core) courses could count to more than one, electives maybe only one.
 - 5. Eric: A certificate may not carry as much weight with employers as an actual degree. It’s more of an indication of knowledge you acquired.
 - 6. Liana: Other institutions require 9 unique credits for a separate certificate.
 - 7. The policy says that colleges can set stricter rules than this policy states but cannot relax them further.
 - 8. Paul Peluso made a motion to send this forward to UGC for consideration.
 - a. Approved unanimously to move forward to UGC.
- VI. The below items/curriculum proposals were reviewed:

New Curriculum Proposals for September 9, 2020

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: Education, Library				
New Course	ISM6427: Business Innovation with Artificial Intelligence	Business	3	AC

Program Change	PhD in Business Administration	Business	N/A	T
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, CSWCJ				
New Course	EEX6626: Behavior Analytic Supervision and Management	Education	3	A
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Education				
Program Change	Big Data Analytics Certificate	Engineering	N/A	AC
Program Change	MS in Information Technology and Management	Engineering	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: Business, Medicine, Engineering				
New Course	ZOO6377: Advanced Animal Locomotion	Science	3	AC

A: Approved, AC: Approved with changes, T: Tabled

Business

- a. The New Course Proposal for ISM6427: Business Innovation with Artificial Intelligence was approved unanimously by the committee contingent on inclusion of approving emails from other departments.
- b. The Program Change for the PhD in Business Administration was tabled by the committee pending clarification of the documentation submitted.

Education

- a. The New Course Proposal for EEX6626: Behavior Analytic Supervision and Management was approved unanimously by the committee.

Engineering

- a. The Program Change for Big Data Analytics Certificate was approved unanimously by the committee contingent on the correction of the spelling of the word “Certificate” in the document.
- b. The Program Change for MS in Information Technology and Management was approved unanimously by the committee.

Science

- a. The New Course Proposal for ZOO6377: Advanced Animal Locomotion was approved unanimously by the committee contingent on the following: 1.) Updating the Effective Date, 2.) Pre-requisites on cover page and syllabus need to match and 3.) Credit Hour policy should be removed from the syllabus.

VII. Meeting adjourned by Christopher Beetle, GPC Chair, at 2:44 p.m.

The next Graduate Programs Committee meeting is October 7, 2020.