

DATE: March 7, 2022  
TIME: 11:00 AM  
LOCATION: Virtual



Graduate Council

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## MEETING MINUTES

### ATTENDANCE

LSU GRADUATE COUNCIL

**PRESENT:** Seifried, Spivak, Aghazadeh, Borowitz, Corbett, Greckhamer, Grove, Holton, Husseneder, Long, Mitchell, Piccoli, Porter, Rohli, Wilks, Wu, Bach, Spencer, Wang, & Wicks.

### CALL TO ORDER

Seifried called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Graduate Council members approved the February meeting minutes as distributed.

### REPORTS

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** Seifried thanked everyone for their attendance and commitment this semester.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL'S REPORT:** Spencer provided an update on the Graduate Assistant Management committee. The committee is tasked to review how graduate funds are allocated for the university. The committee is expected to have recommendations and financial adjustments completed by the end of March and expected to have them implemented by July 1.

Wang explained his new responsibilities as Associate Dean in the Graduate School.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS' REPORT:** Bach informed everyone about the recent Curricular Analytics workshop where the college deans reviewed complexity issues for undergraduate curriculums. She also reported the recent findings of the Classroom Technology survey.

### NEW BUSINESS

**CURRICULUM CHANGE-DRP: GRADUATE CERTIFICATE-TEACHING IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS:** Heidi Banse spoke to members about the proposal to drop the graduate certificate. The program will be dropped to allow for development of a graduate certificate program that is tailored for teaching in veterinary medicine. There have been a small number of students enrolled since its inception and the program is not currently financially tenable.

Piccoli moved to approve the proposal, Greckhamer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

**CURRICULUM CHANGE-CHG: PHD IN PSYCHOLOGY:** Melissa Beck, spoke to members about the proposal. The Psychology PhD program has five different program areas: Biological, Clinical, Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Industrial/Organizational, and School. The department proposes to waive the GRE requirement for the Cognitive and Brain Sciences areas of the PhD program. They are also proposing to add language about requiring a personal statement and a writing sample to add additional elements to the holistic review of the applications.

After a lengthy discussion, several members expressed they would feel more comfortable if some of the language in the proposal more closely reflected the degree through identifying the options/programs as concentrations rather than "specialty areas". This should be a better and more accurate description for the degrees since concentration names show up on transcripts and areas do not (technically).

Seifried asked Beck to make the suggested revisions and resubmit the proposal. The proposal is tabled to the next meeting.

**CURRICULUM CHANGE-CHG: PHD IN LEADERSHIP & HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:** Sunyoung Park & Missy Korduner, spoke to members about the proposal. In reviewing the current rotation of courses, the department decided to be more specific regarding the order in which the doctoral courses are taken to ensure students have the foundational skills needed to move from one course to another. The proposal outlines the specific course rotation students will follow moving forward in the doctoral program as opposed to giving students the option of enrolling in the courses in any order. In addition, they are proposing adjustments to our required methods courses, methods electives, and general electives to better meet students' needs. This includes an elective course of ELRC 4006 to prepare students with foundational statistics to be successful in the grad level statistics course, ELRC 7006. The Methods elective will be selected under advisement of each student's graduate/dissertation advisor.

At the conclusion of a brief Q&A session, Seifried stated that the proposal should include a document listing the current courses and clearly identifying the proposed adjustments to the curriculum. He stated the revised proposal will be reviewed at the next meeting. The proposal is tabled to the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**GRADUATE MINOR-ADD: MS IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT:** Council members discussed the proposal and suggested revisions. Spivak moved to approve the proposal, Husseneder seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

**GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE MEMO:** The memo provides background and context for who should be eligible for grad faculty status. It also asks members to review how affiliate grad faculty membership is determined and the criteria for Research & Professional affiliate membership.

While discussing the memo, Spivak suggested the following revision to the proposed Research Affiliate privileges:

*Research Affiliates may NOT chair ~~or serve as a member on~~ any student's dissertation committee.*

Piccoli moved to approve the proposal (revisions pending), Rohli seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

**CURRICULUM CHANGE-CHG: ACCELERATED MASTER'S:** This proposal revises the Accelerated Masters Degree Program to allow double counting of nine semester hours for Masters programs that required 30-36 hours and up to 12 semester hours for Masters programs that require more than 36 hours. The proposal also allows more flexibility of when a student may apply to join the Accelerated Masters program based on the number of hours completed. Originally more than 60 hours were required (at least junior standing) to join the Accelerated Masters Program; the proposal is to require more 45 (second semester sophomore) but fewer than 96 (there is another program by which LSU seniors in their last semester may take courses for graduate credit). A similar change was made for number of hours required for transfer students to enter the program. Several blocks of text had to be modified to reflect these changes. The admission requirement of a GPA of at least

3.5 is not being changed as the programs is aimed at superior undergraduate students. Corbett moved to approve the proposal as written, Porter seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PROMOTION & TENURE:** Recently finished reviewing packets for the current P&T cycle.

**GRADUATE FACULTY:** Currently reviewing affiliate grad faculty nominations.

**AWARDS:** Currently reviewing Huel Perkins awards. The deadline is approaching.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:05 PM**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 4, 2022, at 11:00 am.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**RECORDED BY:**



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**RODNEY GOLDSMITH**  
OPERATIONS MANAGER

**APPROVED BY:**



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CHAIR