



**Graduate Council Meeting
Friday, August 28, 2020
1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via WebEx
Minutes**

- Present: Dean Baker, Sallie Coke, Carrie Cook, Shannon Gardner, Dianne Gregg, Lynn Hanson, Brandy Kennedy, Chris Lowery, Al Mead, Sherri Noviello, Joe Peters, Holley Roberts, Dee Sams, Parris Story and Stephen Wills. Guests: Kay Anderson and Cara Smith
- Welcome from Dr. Holley Roberts, Interim Associate Provost/Director of Graduate Studies
- Approval of Minutes: April 10, 2020 minutes approved with the following amendment:
 - The following informational update that was presented at the April 10, 2020, Graduate Council meeting actually needed a Council vote:

The CoB presented the following informational items: 1) Four new MMIS courses approved: MMIS 6230 – Ecommerce; MMIS 6240 – Agile Project Management; MMIS 6250 – Leadership in IT; MMIS 6260 – Strategic MIS; 2) Changes to the Master of Accountancy (MAcc): Renumber ACCT 6130 – Taxation of Business Entities to ACCT 5125; Remove ACCT 6310 and ACCT 6360 as course options for the MAcc.
 - These items were unanimously approved by the Graduation Council on June 3, 2020 by electronic vote
- Election of Chair: Al Mead was nominated and unanimously elected to serve as Chair
- Election of Secretary: Lynn Hanson was nominated and unanimously elected to serve as Secretary
- Review of Graduate Council By-laws
 - New program proposals need to be discussed at one meeting and voted on at next meeting. Typical course changes and minor changes can be presented and voted on in same meeting.
 - Clarify Article 6A – Approved June 2020 that Graduate Council may conduct any meeting virtually and may cast any vote by electronic means.
 - Add graduate student membership to the discussion for the next meeting; by-laws proposal could be revised to add student from proposed Graduate Student Council if this group is established

- Spring 2021 Meetings: Only three meetings are currently scheduled for spring; Article 6 of the Graduate Council By-laws states a minimum of three meetings; will call a fourth meeting if needed
- Updates
 - CoAS
 - First full year offering Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership and Management in the Department of Government & Sociology
 - Exploring the development of a professional writing certificate sponsored by the English Department
 - New graduate faculty nominations forthcoming this year
 - On July 1, 2020, the Master of Music Therapy program transitioned from CoHS to CoAS which brings total number of graduate programs offered in the CoAS to eight
 - CoB
 - Thanks to Graduate Council for quick response on summer vote regarding MAcc and MMIS course changes
 - The CoB welcomed new dean, Dr. Micheal Stratton, on July 1, 2020
 - Self-study year for AACSB accreditation; preparing for Fall 2021 visit
 - ABET accreditation coming up
 - Exploring possible collaboration with other colleges on campus
 - Fall 2020 WebMBA and MLSCM enrollment up; MMIS enrollment down by a couple of students; MAcc enrollment down significantly
 - CoEd
 - Graduate enrollments continue to increase as programs have moved online
 - Final preparation to offer M.Ed. in Early Childhood and M.Ed. in Middle Grades fully online starting Maymester 2021
 - Began offering computer science endorsement
 - Continue to prepare for Professional Standards Commission Review and the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation Accreditation Review
 - CoHS
 - Council on Collegiate Nursing Education site evaluation in October will be virtual this year
 - Enrollment in Master in Athletic Training up from 7 to 17 in second cohort
 - MSN enrollment up to 139 students
 - DNP enrollment down a bit this fall; decline attributed to COVID (the vast majority of students who come into this program are actively working as registered nurses and the additional burden of taking courses on top of heavy workload is not feasible during pandemic)

- The Graduate School
 - Working on virtual events for graduate students. Planning October Graduate Admissions workshop for in-depth look at admissions process for prospective students; looking at hosting a virtual writing session that also incorporates networking.
 - The Graduate Admissions staff processed 780 graduate applications from April to August.
 - A huge thank you to the Graduate Admissions staff for all of the hard work leading up to fall semester
 - Dr. Roberts mentioned that the creation of a Graduate Student Council is in the works. A third of the membership will come from underrepresented backgrounds to focus on diversity. Should have something in the works in the next month or so. Goal is to establish identity and connectivity among graduate students.
 - Over the Top (OTT) Advertising – graduate school TV advertising and some social media advertising going on now
 - Up 94 graduate students Fall 2020 compared to last fall

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Hanson