

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022

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1. Meeting called at 8:31
2. Approval of April Minutes, motioned by L. Dornier, seconded by D. Blake
3. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Fall 2022
 - a. September 14
 - b. October 12
 - c. November 9
4. Announcements
 - a. Working with Student Affairs to create transitional housing, particularly for international students. The Jung Hotel will offer affordable hotel rooms for the first few weeks of August while students look for housing. We are trying to make sure that students can put that on students accounts receivable.
 - i. Housing and Residence Life can review leases
 - b. Hurricane season is coming up. Many students weren't satisfied with the messaging. We will use the all grad/prof listserv for anything hurricane related, and we will send to GC and DGS. Students may get this information multiple times. Especially for international and graduate students, Tulane is their home, so secondary evacuations are a challenge. Next year, any hotel arrangements will not be free, but will be discounted. This could be a significant challenge for international graduate students, particularly those with families.
 - i. Tulane students' dependents weren't permitted on buses or there was confusion about whether they were permitted
 - ii. Working on communication being addressed to "undergraduate, graduate, and professional students" so that all students know that they are welcome
 - c. Commencement
 - i. Class of 2022 – May 20 and 21, 2022
 - ii. Hooding Ceremony for SLA, SSE, and BMS Class of 2022 on Friday, May 20 at 3 pm, McAlister Auditorium
 - d. Summer career advising - No weekly workshops, individual meetings will continue. Students who are graduating in May 2022 can continue to meet with Briana across the summer and into the fall. The Canvas course has a career resource library.

- e. Dissertation success cohort – continuing cohort will meet across the summer after a short break. A new cohort is being formed and has its first meeting next Tuesday.
5. PhD Reviews
 - a. Reviews submitted, four of six have been received. They will be forwarded to GC after the departments have a chance to make any factual corrections.
 - b. PhD programs being reviewed next year: Spanish and Portuguese, French, Linguistics, History, Philosophy. We hope to do these reviews earlier in the spring (before Mardi Gras) so that we get the reviews during the semester.
 6. SOM certificates – these are intended for healthcare professionals to do more. The courses have been previously vetted, approved, and are part of the masters programs. Teaches how to handle data, hands on use of data. These are not stackable, though the credits could be transferred to a master’s degree later. Hybrid capabilities, with Zoom allowed for on-ground courses, not online courses.
 - a. Vote: To approve new certificate in Bioinformatics, all in favor
 - b. Vote: To approve new certificate in Health Informatics, all in favor
 - c. Vote: To approve new certificate in Biomedical Data Sciences, all in favor
 7. SPHTM PhD changes:
 - a. Vote: To approve substantive changes to PhD in Public Health in the following concentrations: Biostatistics and Data Science, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management, and Tropical Medicine, all in favor
 - b. Combined bachelors and masters degree is similar to a 4+1, but it is not guaranteed that completion would be within one year. 12 credits can be transferred to both the bachelors and masters
 - c. Vote: To approve combined BS, BSE, BA/MS in Tropical Medicine, all in favor
 8. SLA certificate:
 - a. Meant for local working professionals. Program does not require an undergrad degree; committee can assess work experience to evaluate if it is equivalent.
 - b. Vote: To approve new certificate in Creative Industries, 13 in favor, 1 abstention.
 9. Academic Integrity – unified code leaves a lot of room for interpretation. Freeman School is interested in clarifying the procedure for handling violations. It also needs to consider the new technologies involved.
 10. Abortion ban – students who need reproductive care may need more time off, faculty and staff may need to know more about students’ personal business than before. OGPS can work on protocols for students and faculty/staff to follow. This will have negative impacts on recruitment.
 11. Diane Blake was thanked for her service.
 12. Meeting adjourned at 9:20, moved by F. Wietfeldt, seconded by L. Dornier