Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025

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1. Meeting called at 8:30
2. Approval of April Minutes, motioned by B. McFadden, seconded by D. Shantz
3. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Spring 2025
   a. Program proposals and major changes must reach the Grad Council stage in CIM by the first Wednesday of the month. Email notice to Mike and Jennifer is greatly appreciated.
   b. First meeting of Fall 2025 will be September 10. Please send updates to your school's representation for 2025-26 to Jennifer at jobrien2@tulane.edu
4. Announcements
   a. PhD reviews in 25-26
      i. Anthropology
      ii. Latin American Studies
      iii. Latin American Art History
   b. OGPS will send information to departments being reviewed over the summer/early fall for department to complete self-study
   c. Create a rubric for Grad Council voters to evaluate proposals
5. SoPA
   a. Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security Defense – vote all in favor
   b. MS in Cyber Technology – vote all in favor
   c. Graduate Certificate in Cyber Technology Fundamentals – vote all in favor
   d. Graduate Certificate in Technology Leadership – vote all in favor
   e. Graduate Certificate in Data and Artificial Intelligence – vote all in favor
   f. Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity – vote all in favor
   g. Programs inactivated:
      i. Certificate in IT Strategic Planning;
      ii. Certificate in Technology Architecture;
      iii. Certificate in Cyber Technology;
      iv. Certificate in Cyber Leadership;
      v. Certificate in Cyber Defense
      vi. MS in IT management concentrations in Cybersecurity, Emergency Management, Homeland Security;

      vii. MS in Cybersecurity Management concentrations in Emergency Management, Homeland Security

6. SSE proposals
   a. MS in Physics – vote (standalone MS). Already has a 4+1 program, this is very similar but for non-majors or outside candidates. Vote all in favor
   b. MS in Mechanical Engineering – vote. Had been suspended post Katrina. Has gone through Physics, SSE curriculum committee. 4+1 program. Vote all in favor
   c. MS in Electrical Engineering – vote. Had been brought back as a minor a few years ago, capacity has been built back up. 4+1 program. Vote all in favor

7. SLA proposal
   a. 4+1 program in Political Economy with Data Analytics – vote.
      i. 3 semesters for external candidates already exists
      ii. 4+1 program is what is up for vote
      iii. Vote is all in favor
   b. PhD in Sociology – vote
      i. Questions about requirements
      ii. Requirement to meet with OGPS career services is unenforceable because those meetings are confidential. We don't plan programming for internships or other career preparedness like that
      iii. Collaborating programs. CCC funds came from the provost's office as an interdisciplinary program, those funds revert to the provost's office. Has anyone from Social Work been involved? This proposal references courses and concentrations but there are no letters of support
      iv. CCC program is phasing out, this replaces one of those tracks
      v. Funded by the pot of money that SLA has for stipends.
      vi. Problem of career preparation/professional development: How does 6 semesters of fairly standard TA and RA responsibilities address that? What do the meetings with OGPS do? Could there be an internship option?
      vii. African Studies was added in by SLA curriculum committee to make sure that the Africana Studies department was involved in the process. Those are examples of possible tracks.
      viii. This goes into the catalog and so if a student sees all of these track options but they're not actually possible, this feels like it's not truth in advertising
      ix. Can advertise that it is a program that is pending approval, as program wants to admit for Fall 2026
      x. Vote was tabled until the September 2025 meeting
      xi. Transcript/notes of meeting conversation will be sent to SLA

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 motion by B. McFadden, seconded by J. Tasker