

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES - Revised

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Megan Adkins, Kazuma Akehi, Michelle Beissel Heath, Ben Brachle, Martonia Gaskill, Mary Harner, Angela Hollman, Austin Nuxoll, Whitney Schneider-Cline, Christopher Strickland, Doug Tillman, Michelle Warren, Laurinda Weisse, Kelcie Burke, Tawny Moore, and Linda Johnson

ABSENT: Ngan Chau and Michelle McKelvey

I. Approval of the November 9, 2023 Minutes – approved via email.

II. Graduate Dean's Report

A. *4+1 Accelerated Programs*

In early spring, the Office of Graduate Studies & Academic Innovation will offer an Accelerated Programs 101 course with direction in developing these programs.

B. *Ad-Hoc Committees*

There are several ad-hoc committees formed to enhance graduate education that will be meeting in the coming weeks.

C. *The Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition - Dec 12th*

Kristen Wetovick from the Department of Education completing a MA in Learning Design & Technology was named the winner. The title of her presentation was “Undergraduate Student Perceptions Towards Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education. She will compete at the regional competition in St. Louis, MO in April.

D. *Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE)*

Space for the CTE has been designated in CMCT building. The Office of Graduate Studies & Academic Innovation has provided support this past semester by providing an office, technology, videography, and marketing assistance. In addition, this past semester a learning designer was designated specifically to assist the CTE. The director, Shannon Mulhearn, is working collaboratively with our office and learning designers in relation to professional development, and teaching excellence.

E. *Fall 2023 Graduates*

Unanimous approval of the slate of fall graduates (Tillman/Warren).

III. Committee Reports

A. Policy & Planning Committee – no report.

B. Academic Programs Committee –

For Graduate Council Action – motion to approve by Warren/Strickland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Program Name	Nature of Request	Recommendation
MA: Public Communication	Modifications to the program goals and objectives	Approve

For Graduate Council Information – the following courses have been approved/returned to the department by Committee II.

Course Name	Nature of Request	Recommendation
HIST 803: Historical Methods	Course Change Request	Approve
MGT 850P: Health Care Delivery: Systems and Policies	New Course Proposal	Returned to Department
BIOL 801: Principles of Immunology	Course Change- Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 810P: Fire Ecology and Management in Grasslands	Course Change- Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 811: Scientific Illustration	Course Change- Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 814: Plant Pathology	Dormant. Do not plan to offer class in near future	Approve
BIOL 819: Bioethics of HeLa Cells	Course Change- Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 832: Crane Ecology	Course Change- Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 828: Human Evolution	Dormant. Do not plan to offer class in near future	Approve
BIOL: 836: Biology of Size	Dormant. Do not plan to offer class in near future	Approve
BIOL 845: Forensic Biology	Course Change-Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 846: Cancer Biology	Course Change- Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 860: Concepts of Genetics	Course Change- Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 879: Animal Community Ecology	Dormant. Do not plan to offer class in near future	Approve
BIOL 887: Fisheries Ecology	Course Change-Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 861P: Human Genetics	Course Change- Course Description Only	Approve
BIOL 866: Functional Morphology	Dormant. Do not plan to offer class in near future	Approve
BIOL 879: Animal Community Ecology	Dormant. Do not plan to offer class in near future	Approve
SPCH 875P: Internship	Course Change- Dormant	Approve
ENG 838: Colloquium in Language, Composition, and Rhetoric Studies	New Course Proposal	Approve
TE 814P: Developing Capable People	Course Change- Dormant	Approve
CSP 907: Academic Problem Solving Assessment	Update Course Description	Approve
CSP 859: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders	Removal of prerequisites	Approve
CSP 870: Marriage and Family Counseling	Removal of prerequisites	Approve
KSS 855P: Promoting Healthy Youth Behaviors	New Course Proposal	Approve
KSS 885: Clinical I	Course description, objectives needed updated to meet national accreditation standards	Approve
KSS 886: Clinical II	Course description, objectives needed updated to meet national accreditation standards	Approve
KSS 887: Clinical III	Course description, objectives needed updated to meet national accreditation standards	Approve
KSS 888: Clinical IV	Decrease credit hours to 2 (previously 3); course description, objectives needed updated to meet national accreditation standards	Approve
KSS 889: Clinical V	Increase credit hours to 3 (previously 2); course description, objectives needed updated to meet national accreditation standards	Approve
KSS 890: Clinical VI	Increase credit hours to 3 (previously 2); course description, objectives needed updated to meet national accreditation standards	Approve

CDIS 818P: Diagnostic Methods	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 835P: Neurological Foundations of Speech and Language	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 840P: Augmentative Alternative Communication	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 857: Dysphagia	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 861: Practicum in Speech/Language Pathology	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 862: Practicum in Speech/Language Pathology	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 863: Practicum in Speech/Language Pathology	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 864: Practicum in Speech/Language Pathology	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 865: Voice and Resonance Disorders	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 868: Motor Speech Disorders	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 870P: Professional Issues	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 876: Cognitive Communication Disorders	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 886: Infant-Preschool Assessment and Intervention	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 892P: Internship (Pediatric)	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 893P: Internship (Schools for NE Teacher Certification)	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 894P: Internship (Clinical)	Course Description Change Only	Approve
CDIS 897: Internship (Schools out-of-state)	Course Description Change Only	Approve

C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – no report.

IV. Other Business

Tawny Moore reported on the GSA (Graduate Student Association) as their last meeting was the end of November. The GSA has been meeting with their counterparts on the UNL and UNMC campuses and UNK was able to share ideas they have already implemented.

Adkins announced that *The Graduate Review* is currently taking submissions. This is a publication opportunity for graduate students. Adkins expressed appreciation to Weisse for her work on this publication.

Research Day will be April 18 and announcements will be made via canvas.

Ellis thanked the council for their work this semester. The next meeting will be February 8. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Shanno