

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, October 12, 2023 – CMCT 101

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

ABSENT: Ngan Chau, Miechelle McKelvey, Chris Strickland

I. Approval of the September 14, 2023 Minutes – approved via email.

II. Graduate Dean’s Report

A. *Announcements:*

- The Universal Design for Learning (UDL) event is October 18th and will be the first of four events that Martonia, Maha, and the Center for Teaching Excellence are planning.
- October 23 and 24 is the HLC Accreditation visit on campus. Ellis encouraged the council members to attend the faculty forums to provide input to the accreditation team.
- Ellis asked the council to take a close look at their programs to find efficiencies, update programs, look at 8-week courses, erase barriers to admissions, possibly decrease the number of recommendation letters, eliminate any GPA or portfolio barriers, and be flexible to meet the students’ needs. Ellis thanked those programs who have already implemented some of these suggestions.

B. *History Accelerated Programs*

Adkins discussed the History MA and Public History MA accelerated programs that were submitted. There were no issues – they needed a date change. This is just the proposal that Graduate Council votes on and then the department will put it into the CourseLeaf system. Motion to approve by Warren/Weisse. Motion carried unanimously.

Ellis encouraged the council to look at their current programs to see if they would benefit from accelerated programs. Accelerated programs can have different admission requirements than the current programs.

C. *GPC Coalition*

Adkins reported that the GPC coalition has met, and a form has been provided for them to ask questions of the graduate office which has prompted discussion and assistance with graduate issues. The coalition will meet again in November.

III. Committee Reports

- A. Policy & Planning Committee – no report. The committee will be creating a Grade Appeal Process/Packet and an Academic Advising Protocol.

B. Academic Programs Committee -

For Graduate Council Action – motion to approve after recommended revisions by Warren/Weisse. Motion carried unanimously.

Accelerated MA Name	Bachelor's degree/Major	Recommendation
MA: History	4+1 Accelerated MA Proposal	Approve, after date start changed
MA: Public History	4+1 Accelerated MA Proposal	Approve

For Graduate Council Information – the following courses have been approved by Committee II.

Course Name	Nature of Request	Recommendation
SPAN 804: Early Spanish Literature	Course Discontinued	Approve
SPAN 815: Seminar in Contemporary Spanish Thought	Course Discontinued	Approve
SPAN 816: Seminar in Contemporary Latin American Prose Writings	Course Discontinued	Approve
SPAN 820P: Spanish Novel	Course Discontinued	Approve
SPAN 860P: History of the Spanish Language	Course Discontinued	Approve

C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – no report. The committee will be reviewing MAGS thesis awards.

IV. Other Business

The members met with their committees to choose a chair. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Shanno