

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 23, 2019 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**IRIC 305**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Gordon Murdoch (At-Large/CALS)	X	David Tank (COS)
X	Dan Cronan (CAA)	X	Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)	X	Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)
X	Jeff Bailey (CBE)	X	Penny Tenuto (EHHS)	X	Ata Zadehbol (ENGR)
X	Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP)		Alistair Smith (CNR)	X	Jordan Hardy (GPSA)
X	Kristin Henrich (Library)	X	Daniel Strawn (CALS)	X	Connor Hill (GPSA)

- I. Approval of the minutes from October 2, 2019
  - Quinnett moved to approve. Seconded by Strawn.
  - Approved with 2 abstentions – Heinse, Tenuto.
  
- II. Announcements and Reports
  - A. Introduce Penny Tenuto (EHHS)
    - Penny is the representative from EHHS through Fall 2019
  - B. LSAMP Update
    - 4 students have been identified for this program.
  - C. Library reported that the Elsevier contract is being renegotiated. Not yet sure what will be lost.
  
- III. Old Business
  - A. Transfer of 300/400 Level Courses from Other Institutions (attachment)
    - The catalog language for transfer credits was amended to say that courses transferred must be on a post-bachelors or graduate transcript and must be at the 400 level or above.
    - Hardy moved to approve. Seconded by Quinnett.
    - Approved unanimously.
  - B. 500/600 Credits on Non-Thesis Degrees (attachment)
    - Catalog language concerning credits allowed on a non-thesis master's degree was discussed. Councilmembers discussed whether 500 and/or 600 credits should be counted toward a non-thesis degree.
    - Comments:
      - “The lab is a classroom; therefore, they should count.”
      - Sometimes in Anthropology, for example, a student intends to do a thesis, but what they get from the dig they do does not elicit a thesis, so they have to switch to a non-thesis.
      - It was reported that some engineering faculty are opposed to using 500 credits on a non-thesis degree. A/B work in 500 research does not necessarily equal coursework.
      - COGS has been handling this issue on a case-by-case basis. It is time to have a guideline created.
    - Murdoch suggested allowing a maximum of 6 credits on a non-thesis degree.
    - Yager: could they then use 12 credits of non-coursework on a non-thesis degree?  
McMurtry: No, it would have to be either/or.
    - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Quinnett.
    - Passed with one opposed.
  - C. Research Credit Limitations on Doctoral Degrees (attachment)

- Members voted to clean up “Requirements for Doctoral Degrees” in the catalog.
  - They moved to increase the number of 599 non-thesis credits allowed from 5 to 6. They also added language that 300-399 courses may not be used to make up deficiencies.
  - Moved to approve by Quinnett. Seconded by Hill.
  - Approved unanimously.
- D. Posthumous Degree Policy
- Law will add their language to the policy, and it will be brought back to a future meeting.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. Curriculum Items

###### 1. Accountancy

- Add ACCT 555 and remove ACCT 590.
- Zadehgo moved to approve. Seconded by Hardy.
- Approved unanimously.

###### 2. M.S. Water Resources

###### 3. Ph.D. Water Resources

- Items 2 and 3 were voted on together.
- Remove WR 507. Reduce WR 506 to 2 credits from 3.
- Rationale had some incorrect language in it per WR faculty on Graduate Council.
- Yager made a motion to approve 2 and 3 together with the rationale struck from the proposal and with a typo fixed changing WR 506 to 2 credits on each page. Seconded by Cronan.

- Approved unanimously.

###### 4. Statistics Graduate Certificate

- General housekeeping changes to the Stats Graduate Certificate.
- Hardy moved to approve. Seconded by Tank.
- Approved unanimously.

###### 5. Discontinuances (attachments x 3)

###### a. M.Ed. / M.S. Rehab Counseling and Human Services

- They stopped taking applicants and are teaching out the cohort. They will be done Spring 2020.

###### b. Rehab Counseling Certificate

###### c. M.Ed. / M.S. School Counseling

- This program ended in 2012/2013.
- This is to discontinue all of these programs officially.
- Quinnett moved to approve. Seconded by Zadehgo.
- Approved unanimously.

##### B. Summer Registration Requirement

- Language needs to be written that is compliant with federal funding sources.
- McMurtry will look at other institutions and will bring it back to a future meeting.

Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

#### Future Meetings:

November 20

January 22

February 26

March 25

April 15

May 6