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Graduate Council
February 21, 2024
Teams 8:00 am – 9:00 am

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In attendance: Jeff Williams, Mohamed Lofty, Nicole Gearing, Jeffrey O'Flynn, Natalie Grecu, Sunny Chen, Wiktor Mogilski, Michelle Bastian, Laurie Sharp, Jim Bailey, Aliny Xavier

Graduate Council Minutes were approved for January 10, 2024.

The following Graduate Faculty were approved:

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Doug Wendt-Full
Zoe Nemerever-Full

College of Health and Public Service
Sarah Hall-Full

Smith College of Engineering and Technology
Kodey Crandall-Full

Woodbury School of Business
Kelly Hall-Full

Curriculum

School of Education

The following curriculum was approved:

Course Changes
EDCO 6040-Multicultural Counseling
EDCO 689R-School Counseling Internship
EDUC 5321-Instruction Technology Assessment Planning
EDUC 5330-Strategies for Working with Diverse Learners

EDUC 6204-Capstone Seminar
EDUC 6321-Instruction Technology Assessment Planning
EDUC 6330-Strategies for Working with Diverse Learners
EDUC 6663-Literacy in the Content Area

The following curriculum was approved subject to the following conditions:

The following two courses need to have the same course learning objective #1.
EDUC 5311-Introduction to Special Education
EDUC 6311-Introduction to Special Education

The following course needs one additional learning objective:

EDUC 6202-Creating and Managing a Learning Environment

Woodbury School of Business

The following course was tabled subject to changing Pre- or Corequisites referencing for this course, as well as adding an additional learning objective for FIN 6800.

Course Change
FIN 5800-Personal Financial Planning Capstone

College of Health and Public Service

The following courses were approved:

Course Changes
NURS 6050-Nursing Informatics
NURS 6250-Research for Evidence-Based Practice and Outcome Improvement
NURS 6300-Advanced Nursing in Health Systems/Policy and Advocacy
NURS 696R-Scholarly Project

New Course
NURS 6100-Theories for Advanced Practice

The following program was tabled subject to adding required matriculation and graduation requirements:

Program Change
Master of Science in Nursing, Education Focus

Matriculation Requirements
1. "Application for admission…*by the established deadline*." (Add italic text)
2. Submit official transcripts from all universities attended. (Add this requirement)
7. Include a statement that meeting minimum admissions criteria does not guarantee admission to the graduate program.

If the program accepts international students, add the following additional matriculation requirements:
5. "For international students…" (Add this requirement)
6. "International students must also meet US gov't requirements…" (Add this requirement)

Graduation Requirements – Add the following requirements
10. Graduate coursework completed within six-year period.
12. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher shall be maintained in graduate program courses.
13. Graduate credits accepted from another regionally accredited institution or equivalent shall have been completed within four years of the graduate student's matriculation into the graduate program and

cannot be older than six years at the time of graduation with a master's degree or graduate certificate from the University.

Smith College of Engineering and Technology - Reviewers: Mohamed Lotfy, Wiktor Mogilski

The following curriculum was approved:

Program Change
Engineering and Technology Management, M.S.

New Courses
TECH 6440-Artificial Intelligence and Society
      Note: In support of program learning outcomes, TECH 6630 needs to be changed to TECH
      6440.
TECH 6550-People and Culture

Graduate Faculty Eligibility Requirements
College of Science graduate faculty recommended no changes to the College of Science Graduate Faculty Eligibility Requirements. Graduate Council approved these requirements.

Duolingo English Proficiency
The Council discussed allowing each graduate program to determine whether they want to use Duolingo scores. Weber State University allows each program to determine whether they want to use these scores.

The Council discussed setting a minimum score for programs. It was recommended that Jim Bailey reach out to Andrew Stone and Eric Humphrey to see if they can find out how other Utah universities established their Duolingo minimum acceptable scores. The Duolingo issue was tabled until the Council get more information about how other universities decided to set minimum scores for Duolingo.

Discussion about Graduate Nomination and Election Templates for Faculty Senate Service and Elections Representatives

The Council discussed situations when there is only one nominee for a position. The Council recommended a ratification nomination for Graduate Council and Graduate Program Director positions, which normally occurs only every three years.

The Council was split on the ratification issues for Graduate Program Committees. The nomination email should encourage discussion of these graduate program committee positions. If no ratification is required where there is only one nominee, the nomination email should contain a statement that if there is only one nominee, the sole nominee will be considered elected.

Update on Strategic Enrollment Management Plans

Strategic Enrollment Management Plan data were given to each graduate program director. Jim Bailey and Laurie Sharp are meeting with graduate program directors and associated deans by college to discuss the plans and to answer questions. The plans are due on April 1, 2024.