

**Graduate Council  
Minutes  
April 13, 2021  
Teams - 8:00 am – 9:30 am**

In attendance: Steven Sylvester, Violeta Vasilevska, Jim Bailey, Jace Stringham, Mia Kang, Jingpeng Tang, Dan Waddington, Nancy Steele-Makasci, Douglas Gardner, Jonathon Westover, Sheri Smederovac

**Graduate Council minutes for March 17<sup>th</sup> were approved.**

**The following Graduate Faculty were approved.**

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

- Natalie Grecu – Full Member
- Steven Sylvester – Full Member

**College of Health & Public Services**

- Michael Smidt – Full Member
- Dan Waddington – Full Member

**School of the Arts**

- Nancy Steele-Makasci – Full Member

**The following Curriculum changes were approved.**

Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavioral Analysis – New – Already an emphasis in Master of Education program.

Master of Business Administration Program – Changes include course changes, deleting emphases, and adding graduate certificates and general electives as options for the program.

Graduate Certificate in Finance – Inactivate emphasis and create new graduate certificate.

Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management – New

Graduate Certificate in Management – Inactivate emphasis and create new graduate certificate.

Graduate Certificate in Marketing – Inactivate emphasis and create new graduate certificate.

Graduate Certificate in Technology Management - Inactivate emphasis and create new graduate certificate

## **Required changes to MBA and Graduate Certificate Proposals were approved.**

### Admissions for Graduate Certificate Programs – Add the following:

A 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA or a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate work.(See Policy 510 Section 4.5 2)).

Note: International students must be full-time students; therefore, they would not be eligible for a stand-alone graduate certificate program.

## **Graduate Requirements for Graduate Certificates – Changes were approved**

Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher required in graduate certificate courses with no grade lower than a "C" in graduate certificate courses. Policy 524 – Sections 4.3.5 and 4.3.4).

Residency hours – minimum of 6 credits of the graduate certificate courses are taken at UVU. (Policy 524, Section 4.5.4).

Graduate certificate coursework shall be completed within a period of six years. (Policy 524, Section 4.3.3).

Delete: Final approval for graduation will be determined by the MBA graduate committee of the Woodbury School of Business. (Note: If the student completes the requirements in the catalog, they received the graduate certificate. There is no secondary graduate committee review).

## **Matriculation and Graduation Requirements for MBA Program Students approved, contingent upon the changes being made.**

Remove from graduate certificate programs and place in MBA Program.

## **Policies 524**

### **Policy 524 – Graduate Program Credit and Graduation Requirements**

- Policy 524 Section 4.4 – Should the policy allow credit for prior learning to be used for a graduate degree or certificate?
  - General consensus was positive
  - Some concerns of
- Should graduate programs be able to choose to allow credit for prior learning, but not be required to provide credit for prior learning?
  - What implications would it have on the budget?
  - Suggestion to have them run it by the Budget Office

- Should graduate programs be able to decide how much credit for prior learning could be accepted as long as it does not exceed the limit in policy? (Considerations: Length of graduate program. Specialized accreditation issues).
- Section 4.5.4 dealing with transfer credit states that a minimum of two thirds of graduate program credit hours must be completed through the University. Should the maximum also apply to credit for prior learning? Should the credit for prior learning and credit for transfer credit combined be one-third or less of a graduate program?

**Additional Topics:**

**Next Meeting:**