

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAired BY: David Kieda

TIME: 3:00 pm

DATE: November 27, 2017

PLACE: Winder Boardroom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Darling, Lara Rheinemann, Zachary Stickney, James Agutter, David Blair, Jeffrey Moore, Johanna Bettmann Schaefer, Isabel Dulfano, Laura Kessler, Lis Pankl, Douglas Christensen, Richard Paine, Christopher Reilly, Julie Wambaugh, Christopher Stringham, Kristin Cloyes, Anthea Letsou

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: David Kieda, Katharine Ullman

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Arul Mishra, Rena D'Souza, Karen Johnson, Lien Shen,

## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome

David Kieda of the Graduate School welcomed the Graduate Council.

### 2. Proposal: Graduate Certificate in Statistics

Michael Gardner of the University Statistics Committee presented the Graduate Certificate in Statistics proposal. All Council questions were answered by Dr. Gardner.

Vote: approved with amendments; unanimous

Abstained:

Comments: The Council requested the proposers provide a statement detailing the certificate's Expected Learning Outcomes and Outcomes Assessment.

### 3. Proposal: BS/MS in Accounting

Phillip Jeffs of the Accounting Department presented the BS/MS in Accounting proposal. All Council questions were answered by Dr. Jeffs.

Vote: approved; unanimous

Abstained:

Comments: The approval of the Graduate Council is contingent upon the approval of the Undergraduate Council. With the approval of the Undergraduate Council, the Graduate Council reviewed the proposal out of sequence because of a scheduling issue.

### 4. Review: Art and Art History Department

The Art and Art History Department Review was presented by Joanna Bettmann Schaefer of Social Work.

Vote: approved; unanimous

Abstained:

Comments: The Council recommended strengthening language in the recommendations regarding faculty office space/studios and plans to increase enrollment.

### 5. Review: History Department

The History Department Review was presented by Richard Paine of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Vote: approved; unanimous  
Abstained:  
Comments:

6. **Discussion: Master of Public Policy Review**  
The Council determined to read and review the Master of Public Policy program review electronically between this and January's Graduate Council meeting. An online vote to approve will be held following the dissemination of the material. The Council's decision on that vote will be noted in January's meeting minutes.
7. **Discussion: School of Dance Program Review Timeline**  
The Council recommended that the School of Dance be reviewed in the 2018-2019 academic year, with the internal and external reviews being completed no later than January. This provides half of the two-year postponement requested by the School of Dance while still prioritizing outside input to help develop the School and its programs.
8. **Discussion: CIB Policy Changes**  
The current CIB policy reflects Board of Regents' policies which have been altered, so the Graduate School has taken the opportunity to adjust the CIB onboarding process and policy for maintaining CIBs. As this process develops, Graduate Council members are requested to provide feedback.
9. **Discussion: Tax Reform & the Impact on Research & the University**  
Dean David Kieda informed the Graduate Council of the recent efforts by graduate students and administration to clarify the tax proposals being reviewed in Congress and advise the public regarding their effects on graduate research.
10. **Information Item: Online Master's Degree in Biomedical Informatics**  
Dean David Kieda provided the Graduate Council with a proposal for an Online Master's Degree in Biomedical Informatics. With no objections to the proposal, Dean Kieda resolved to send the proposal as constituted to NWCCU.

Time of Adjournment 5:00pm.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held Monday, January 29, 2018.