

Graduate Council

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018

220 Van Wormer Hall

Attendees: Quinn Ankrum, Flavia Bastos, Edson Cabalfin, Ron Debry, Gary Dick, Amy Fathman, JiuKuan Hao, James Mack, Stephen Mockabee, Chip Montrose, Olivier Parent, Angela Potochnik, GA Rassati, Chris Sullivan, Jun Ying

Absent: Doug Burgess, Dan Gottlieb, Tanja Nusser, Jelena Vivic

Staff: Catherine Smith

Agenda Items	Synopsis of Discussion	Outcome
<i>Meeting Minutes</i>	Approval of July 17 minutes	The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.
<i>Master of Public Administration</i>	No changes necessary	Approved for evaluation by Academic Committee
<i>Certificate in Case Management</i>	No changes necessary	Approved for evaluation by Academic Committee
<i>Master of Community Planning and Juris Doctorate Dual Degree</i>	No changes necessary	Approved for evaluation by Academic Committee
<i>Clinical Nutrition Track</i>	One correction to make for the NUTR7032 course in the second year	Approved for evaluation by Academic Committee
<i>PhD in Information Technology</i>	No changes necessary but some discussion about optimizing the launch of the new program. The group had extensive discussion about ideas for making sure that starting a new research program in a young department with a young faculty did not have unintended adverse effects. They recognized that the effort of launching and establishing such a program could distract faculty from their necessary RPT goals. They felt that starting with just a couple of students, while developing the student handbooks, procedures and expectations would be a wise way to get the bugs out of the system. They also felt that the quality of the first dissertations should be monitored and the development of appropriate research projects (with the right level of ambition), as those will be the template that future students will use as reference. Most importantly, there was concern about assuring that the first cohorts have sufficient funding to make it to the finish line efficiently and concern that pulling funding from the MSIT may reduce the resources if that program is no longer as robust. Chip said he would be reviewing the funds dedicated to the MSIT, and see if the Graduate School could partner with CECH to give a more advantageous launching pad through some startup funds.	Approved for evaluation by Academic Committee

<i>Proposed policy on advance standing and transfer credits</i>	Continuation of discussion from last meeting.	
<i>Changing grad faculty status</i>		
<i>The GC primer</i>	A new offering to introduce the work of Graduate Council.	
	<i>Next meeting November 27, 2018</i>	