

# Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

WebEx Meeting

TOPIC	SYNOPSIS OF DISCUSSION
<b>OPENING DISCUSSION</b> COMMITTEE	The committee opened with agreement to approve February and March meeting minutes.
<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE</b> RAJ MEHTA	<p>Raj Mehta continued discussion on the board of trustees rule changes that were introduced last month by Matt Serra, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Personnel. Information on this topic can be found in the saved materials for reference.</p> <p>As a reminder, the rules that are rescinded from the BoT rules: 50-77-12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 22 will be added to the Graduate School Handbook; Graduate Council was given time to review these changes and provide feedback.</p> <p>One comment was to update antiquated language that was used back when the board rules were written – Dr. Mehta agreed to look into this and provide an update on any changes that could be made</p> <p>The changes were approved but the committee requested further discussion on any updates at the May meeting</p>
<b>DELIVERY MODE CHANGE REQUEST: MS BANA, MS IS</b> LCB STEVE SLEZAK	<p>Steve Slezak, LCB, presented a request to change the delivery mode to distance learning (on campus programs also offered) for the MS BANA and MS IS programs. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No questions or concerns</li><li>• <i>Graduate School approved to move to the Academic Committee</i></li></ul>
<b>NEW CERTIFICATE: COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ENDORSEMENT</b> CECH Janet Zydney	<p>Jane Zydney, CECH, presented a request to offer a new certificate, Computer Technology Endorsement. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No questions or concerns</li><li>• <i>Graduate School approved to move to the Academic Committee</i></li></ul>

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**NEW DEGREE:**

**PUBLIC HEALTH  
NURSING\***

CON

Tasha Turner-Bicknell

Tasha Turner Bicknell, CON, presented a request to offer a new DNP degree, Public Health Nursing. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

*\*Please note, this was later identified to be a track under the existing DNP, not a new degree, graduate council approved this as a new track by e-vote – documentation available upon request*

**Committee Comments:**

- No concerns; original questions were addressed in the feedback provided from new programs committee
  - *Graduate School approved to move to the Academic Committee*
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**NEW DEGREE:**

**OCCUPATIONAL  
HEALTH**

CAHS

Victoria McQuiddy

Victoria McQuiddy, CAHS, presented a request to offer a new doctorate of Occupational Health. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

**Committee Comments:**

- The GRE requirement was discussed, also discussed at new programs committee, and although the program appreciates the question of why the GRE should be required, for the time being, they have decided to leave this as a requirement but are examining the possibility of eliminating this in the future. The reason being that students can be identified based on scores and provided intervention if necessary
  - The masters will be phased out – this needs added to the proposal
  - *Graduate School approved to move to the Academic Committee*
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**DELIVERY MODE**

**CHANGE: URBAN  
EDUCATION  
LEADERSHIP**

CECH

Amy Farley, Stephen  
Kroeger, Everett Smith

Amy Farley, CECH, presented their second (amended) request to offer the Urban Education Leadership program online. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

**Committee Comments:**

- No concerns with the amended proposal
- *Graduate School approved to move to the Academic Committee*

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**NEW DEGREE:**  
**HEALTH & WELLNESS**  
**MANAGEMENT**  
*CECH*  
*Julia Buchanan*

Julia Buchanan, CECH, presented a request to offer a new degree (this is the second presentation to the GC) for a new MS degree in Health & Wellness Management. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

**Committee Comments:**

- No concerns with the amended proposal
- *Graduate School approved to move to the Academic Committee*