

# Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

WebEx Meeting

TOPIC	SYNOPSIS OF DISCUSSION
<b>OPENING DISCUSSION</b> COMMITTEE	The committee opened with approval of last month's (January) meeting minutes.
<b>NEW TRACK: SOFTWARE ENGINEERING</b> CEAS MARC CAHAY	<p>Marc Cahay, CEAS, presented a request for a new track under the MEng degree, Software Engineering . 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>• Question: is the current job market looking for these specialized degrees / credentials, why not call it "Computer Science" – CS is too broad, whereas these specialized sub – strands train experts and companies are looking for these specifically trained student</li><li>• Question: was a certificate considered vs the track – yes, but felt the MEng plus the track options would attract more students than just a standalone certificate</li><li>• <i>Graduate School approved to move to Academic Committee</i></li></ul>
<b>DISTANCE LEARNING REQUEST: URBAN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP</b> CECH AMY FARLEY & STEPHEN KROEGER	<p>Amy Farley and Stephen Kroeger, CECH, presented a 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.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The program mentioned the possibility of also changing the name of the program – committee prefers and suggested this name change occur at the same time as the delivery change request</li><li>• Question: can the publication process and requirements be clarified a bit more</li><li>• Questions around curriculum were discussed: courses, modality, rigor, expectations, etc.</li><li>• Overall, this generated a great discussion but brought up many uncertainties – the program has been asked to complete the curriculum modification form to better address the concerns</li><li>• <i>Graduate School agreed to hold until further revisions</i></li></ul>

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## **NEW DUAL DEGREE:**

### **MD & MPH**

*COM*

*Whitney Bryant*

Whitney Bryant, COM, presented a request to offer a new dual degree, MD & MPH. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

#### **Committee Comments:**

- Question: is the structure typical, taking year 3 off from the MD for the MPH then resuming – yes, it is typical in programs such as this
- Question: will all coursework proposed always be available – electives could be hard and will be handled on a case by case basis but the other courses are available
- *Graduate School approved to move to Academic Committee*

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## **SYLLABI DISCUSSION**

In a previous meeting, the committee requested more information on the possibility of a central database with all syllabi – we brought in Adrian Hall who explained where UC is at now and the possibility of this happening in the future. This will be an ongoing conversation

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