

# Graduate Council Minutes

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**

*WebEx Meeting*

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>SYNOPSIS OF DISCUSSION</i>
<b><i>OPENING DISCUSSION</i></b> <i>COMMITTEE</i>	The committee opened with approval of the September meeting minutes.
<b><i>NAME CHANGE: SAFETY PHARMACOLOGY SUBPLAN</i></b> <i>KATIE HOBGING COM</i>	<p>Katie Hobbing, College of Medicine, presented a request for a name change of the safety pharmacology sub-plan under the MCBP program. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.</p> <p>There were no concerns and this change was approved to move forward to the Academic Committee.</p>
<b><i>NEW DEGREE REQUEST: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS, ONLINE</i></b> <i>A&amp;S NICK DUNNING</i>	<p>Nicolas Dunning, A&amp;S, presented a request for a new online degree, GIS. 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 main question / concern that requires follow-up is whether or not there is a capstone experience. According to the Graduate Student Handbook, "Master's students who are not required to complete a thesis should consult their academic programs for the capstone experience required in their programs. In some programs, the final capstone event may be in the form of a comprehensive exam or research project; in others, the final evaluation may appropriately be a recital, performance, or exhibition." The council was unable to identify the Capstone experience for these students, and the program will need to address this</li><li>• Question: how do students in this online program receive the same support they would if they were on campus, in terms of mental health. The program will need to elaborate on how A&amp;S serves as a bridge to the university provided resources and how a program director, faculty member, etc., guides a student to mental health resources</li><li>• No further questions</li></ul> <p><i>Graduate Council voted to hold until the concerns can be addressed</i></p>

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Farrah Jacquez, A&S, presented a new graduate certificate request for Community Engaged Research, in partnership with the College of Medicine. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

## **Committee Comments:**

**NEW GRADUATE  
CERTIFICATE: COMMUNITY  
ENGAGED RESEARCH**  
COM & A&S  
FARRAH JACQUEZ

- As the certificate grows, please remain mindful of other units / colleges that could be involved as partners, to make this a truly interdisciplinary certificate (a point that was mentioned in discussion)
- A different name was suggested that may help students better understand what the certificate is, what the courses will focus on, and who should take this certificate, that being “Community Engaged Research for Health” – if not this name, then one that is similar to this that identifies the focus of the certificate a bit better
- As discussed in the meeting, since the bulk of the funding for CCST is from grant support, the Council would like college level commitment to offering the needed courses for the certificate, if the CCST grant funding is not renewed. If the certificate is no longer offered, then the courses leading to the certificate may also cease
- No further questions

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Eugene Rutz, CEAS, presented a new ACCEND degree request for Biomedical Engineering and Cosmetic Science. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

**NEW ACCEND DEGREE:  
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING  
AND COSMETIC SCIENCE**  
CEAS  
EUGENE RUTZ

## **Committee Comments:**

- The committee reviewed the proposal that had been through new programs committee three times and shared the same concern – the data is not there for a market demand and employment opportunities. It is unclear why this should be an ACCEND degree (vs doing both programs back to back if a student desires) if there is not a demonstrated need. Professor Rutz was not able to provide solid data. Due to the ambiguity on market demand, this will be held

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