

# Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

WebEx Meeting

TOPIC	SYNOPSIS OF DISCUSSION
<b>OPENING DISCUSSION</b> <i>COMMITTEE</i>	The committee opened with approval of the May meeting minutes. The committee also introduced themselves to new members.
<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATES REGARDING CHANGES IMPACTING THE GRADUATE SCHOOL</b> <i>RAJ MEHTA</i> <i>MEGAN TISHNER</i>	Raj Mehta, Vice Provost for International Affairs & Interim Dean of the Graduate School, and Megan Tishner, graduate school, shared that the changes to the rules regarding the graduate school handbook and board of trustee's rules were voted upon at the BoT's June Meeting. A document was shared regarding the changes. Items such as title changes, updated language to reflect current practices, new representatives from Law will be added. These updates were discussed and shared with the graduate council back in May prior to the BoT vote. The council had a few concerns and has asked that items such as stipends and health insurance be looked into. Mental health concerns were also shared – these items may not make this iteration but can be added later. Updates will be provided as any changes are made. The process of approval is still ongoing.
<b>NEW DUAL DEGREE: PHARM.D, MS, DRUG DEVELOPMENT</b> <i>PHARMACY</i> <i>PANKAJ DESAI</i>	<p>Pankaj Desai, Pharmacy, presented a request for a new dual degree, PharmD and the MS, Drug Development. 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: the student numbers are not consistent throughout the document, please correct (the final number is 5-8 for the dual enrollment)</li><li>• No further questions</li></ul> <p><i>Graduate Council approved to move to Academic Committee (October Meeting)</i></p>
<b>CURRICULUM MODIFICATION REQUEST, DNP</b> <i>NURSING</i> <i>RICHARD PRIOR</i>	Richard Prior, Nursing, presented a curriculum modification change request for the DNP. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

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## **Committee Comments:**

The DNP program proposed a decrease in the current program hours from 39 to 36 hours – as with the NPC feedback, the committee was not satisfied with the rationale for the decrease, and the rationale on why the course that was eliminated was the course chosen and if the curriculum remains competitive with peer institutions DNP programs. This request was not approved – the council would like further data to support the request before approval will be granted.

*Graduate Council did not approve*