



**University Council on Graduate Study Minutes
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

The minutes from the March 22023 meeting were approved (24 in favor and 2 abstention).

Academic Planning Proposals

Proposal to modify the MD curriculum in the School of Medicine

The modifications to the MD curriculum will enhance graduate/professional school offerings; create more preeminent teaching/learning experiences; broader academic opportunities, especially around civic engagement; collaborate better with communities; and enrich the student experience with transformative opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive. These changes will make the School of Medicine more attractive to applicants, better prepare students for careers in medicine, and serve as a national curriculum model, further advancing the university's status as a leader in medical education.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members present voted in favor of recommending approval to the Provost (27 in favor and 3 abstentions).

Proposal to establish an online Professional Master's in Data Science in the School of Computing & Information

The proposed program builds upon strengths that span the school's three departments, and emphasizes workforce readiness, with a focus on real-world, data-oriented problem solving and portfolio-building projects throughout. To reach a broad audience, the proposed program will be offered via an online, self-paced, asynchronous modality to increase access to and completion of the degree by working professionals. Additionally, this degree builds upon the School's Applied Data-Driven Methods graduate certificate, which has no STEM pre-requisites for admission nor assumption of programming experience to target a diverse population of adult learners from many disciplinary backgrounds.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members present voted in favor of recommending approval to the Provost (30 in favor and 1 abstentions).



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Proposal to establish a Master of Arts major in Africana Studies in the Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences

The proposal provides an option to students admitted to the PhD program in Africana Studies who do not already have an MA in Africana Studies to obtain the MA degree enroute to a PhD or the flexibility to receive a degree if they will not be advancing beyond their first two years of the PhD program before completing the dissertation requirement. Students will be required to have successfully completed 30-credit hours and a master's comprehensive research paper.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members present voted in favor of recommending approval to the Provost (28 in favor and 1 abstentions).

Proposal to modify the Master of Education major in Early Childhood and Special Education in the School of Education

The proposal will align the sequence of classes most effectively with the new Undergraduate Teacher Preparation program and the revised Graduate one-year programs. The revised sequence of classes and field experiences allows for a more streamlined learning experience for students in the field. These proposed changes will make the School of Education better equipped to meet students' academic needs as well as attract new students with more current programs.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members present voted in favor of recommending approval to the Provost (27 in favor).

Announcements

The following PACUP/UCGS Subcommittees provided updates on their progress:

- Advanced Standing Credits (PACUP & UCGS)
- Academic Program Structure and Dual Degrees/Majors (PACUP& UCGS)
- Academic Probation, Suspension, Dismissal (PACUP & UCGS)
- Course Repeat/G Grade (PACUP & UCGS)
- Graduate faculty (UCGS only)
- Guide to Graduate Mentoring and Advising (UCGS only)



Attendance

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| Rithika | Behera | School of Medicine | Student |
| Bryan | Brown | Swanson School of Engineering | Faculty |
| Bharath | Chandrasekaran | School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences | Faculty |
| Robert | Clift | Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences | Faculty |
| Vivian | Curran | School of Law | Faculty |
| Linda | DeAngelo | School of Education | Faculty |
| Mark | DeRuiter | School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences | Faculty |
| Michael | Dickey | School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences | Faculty |
| Kerry | Empey | School of Pharmacy | Faculty |
| Dennis | Galletta | Katz Graduate School of Business | Faculty |
| Amanda | Godley | Office of the Provost | Chair |
| Susan | Grayson | School of Nursing | Student |
| Michael | Gunzenhauser | School of Education | Faculty |
| Jonathan | Helm | Office of the Registrar, Observer | Staff |
| Saleem | Khan | School of Medicine | Faculty |
| Ammar | Kinkhabwala | Katz Graduate School of Business | Student |
| Greg | Kinzler | Swanson School of Engineering | Student |
| Madeline | Kreider | School of Pharmacy | Student |
| Prashant | Krishnamurthy | School of Computing and Information | Faculty |
| Jung-Kun | Lee | Swanson School of Engineering | Faculty |
| Robin | Lee | School of Medicine | Faculty |
| Wendy | Mars | School of Medicine | Faculty |
| Robert | Marshall | Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences | Student |
| Shannon | Mischler | Office of the Provost | Staff |
| Sara | Moeller | Katz Graduate School of Business | Faculty |
| Danielle | Nahas | School of Public Health | Student |
| Erica | Palmer | Graduate School of Public and International Affairs | Faculty |
| Bob | Parker | Swanson School of Engineering | Faculty |
| Helen | Petracchi | School of Social Work | Faculty |
| Ketki | Raina | School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences | Faculty |
| Julia | Reese | School of Computing and Information | Student |
| Nadine | Robert | School of Dental Medicine | Student |
| Pernille | Roegel | Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences | Faculty |
| Michelle | Schein | SEPC | Faculty |
| Elizabeth | Schlenk | School of Nursing | Faculty |



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| Christine | Wankiiri-Hale | School of Dental Medicine | Faculty |
| Jenay | Willis | School of Education | Student |
| Jonathan | Woon | Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences | Faculty |
| Ada | Youk | School of Public Health | Faculty |