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University Council on Graduate Study Minutes

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Zoom

Members Attending: Amanda Godley (Chair), Kara Bernstein (Medicine), Paul Bové (Arts & Sciences, Humanities), Jessica Burke (GSPH), Rosemary Capo (Arts and Sciences At-Large), Haley Cartwright (Graduate Student Rep – Medicine), Vivian Curran (Law), Sandie Engberg (Nursing), G. Kelley Fitzgerald (SHRS), Maggie Folan (Pharmacy), Malena Hirsch (GPSG President), Holger Hock (Arts & Sciences), John Horn (Medicine), Jung-Kun Lee (Engineering), Prashant Krishnamurthy (School of Computing & Information), Michael Madison (Interdisciplinary), Patti Mathay (University Registrar's Office), Helen Petracchi (Social Work), Morgan Pierce (Graduate Student Rep – A&S), Jay Rajgopal (Engineering), Jawanza Rand (Graduate Student Rep – Education), Carissa Slotterback (Substitute – GSPIA), Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff), Christine Wankiiri-Hale (Dental Medicine)

Guests: Robert Parker (Engineering), Jennifer Russell (Education), and Rochelle Woods (Education)

The March 2021 Minutes were unanimously approved with no edits.

Academic Planning Proposals

Proposal to terminate the Master of Science in Manufacturing Systems degree type and the affiliated Manufacturing Systems major within the Swanson School of Engineering.

Proposal to terminate the graduate certificate in Mining within the Swanson School of Engineering.

Proposal to terminate the Metallurgical Engineering major leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree within the Swanson School of Engineering.

Proposal to terminate the Metallurgical Engineering major and Master of Science in Metallurgical Engineering degree type within the Swanson School of Engineering.

The Swanson School of Engineering proposed to terminate the above programs as they have not had enrollment for several years.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposals be approved. Members present voted unanimously in favor.

Proposal to establish a new major in Education Policy leading to the Master of Arts degree within the School of Education.

Proposal to establish a new major in Education Policy leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree within the School of Education.

Proposal to establish a new major in Research Methodology leading to the Master of Arts degree within the School of Education.

The above proposed programs are a part of the overall School of Education's reorganization plan. While current programs and course offerings address education policy in various ways, establishing a new major in Education Policy leading to the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees (a policy-focused degree) will create clarity in the curricular focus of the program and enhance our ability to market to prospective students. The new major in Research Methodology leading to the Master of Arts degree replaces the existing Research Methodology area of concentration within the major of Psychology in Education.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposals be approved. Members present voted unanimously in favor.

Proposal to terminate Psychology in Education majors leading to the MA, MEd and PhD degrees within the School of Education.

Proposal to terminate Administrative and Policy Studies majors leading to the MA, MEd and PhD degrees within the School of Education.

The termination proposals are a part of the School of Education's reorganization plan. The psychology in education and administrative and policy studies majors are redesigned into the above-mentioned majors: Research Methodology and Education Policy.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposals be approved. Members present voted unanimously in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.