

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2017
Commons Panorama
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Ben Hunter	X	Alistair Smith
X	Ayobami Adegbite	X	Jill Johnson	X	Karen Trebitz
X	Julie Amador - phone	X	Scott Minnich	X	Greg Turner-Rahman
X	Jeff Bailey	X	Gordon Murdoch		Elowyn Yager - phone
X	Laura Holyoke	X	Kelly Quinnett	X	Ata Zadehgo

- I. Approval of the minutes from November 30, 2016
 - Turner-Rahman moved to approve. Seconded by Trebitz.
 - Approved with one abstention.

- II. Announcements and reports
 - A. COGS Dean Search Update
 - Kathy Duke reported that the COGS Dean position description was currently waiting for approval from the Provost. As soon as that happens, the position will be posted to internal UI candidates only for three weeks. It is expected to be posted very soon.
 - B. COGS Spring Events
 1. Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition – Tuesday, April 11
 - McMurtry told councilmembers this event will be open to Masters and Doctoral students this year and encouraged them to look into this and the Innovation Showcase.
 2. Innovation Showcase – Thursday, April 13
 - C. Restrictions by President Trump
 - McMurtry and other administrators met with students, faculty, and postdocs about the restrictions.
 - He asked members to please, remind faculty to be sympathetic to the students affected by this.
 - D. Budget Request
 - In this year’s budget request process, COGS requested enough funds to fully cover in-state tuition and fees for all Teaching Assistants. Budget request decisions have not yet been communicated to the deans.
 - E. Postdoc Association
 - McMurtry is working with faculty, postdocs, and the Research Office to create a postdoc association at UI. There is a need to create a mentoring plan for all postdocs and to get a work structure in place.
 - There will be a preliminary meeting of faculty and postdocs soon to get this idea moving forward.
 - F. Navitas contract has been signed. They are currently recruiting for Fall 2017.

III. Discussion Items

A. Curriculum Items

1. DAT Changes

-Philip Scruggs and Alan Nasypany attended the meeting to discuss proposed DAT changes.

-course names are being modified to get more in line with the profession, and two new courses are being added.

2. DAT Credit Change

-They are proposing to move the dissertation back to the program level.

Students will complete a Culminating Clinical Project, rather than a dissertation, which will include two publication ready manuscripts.

Additionally, they are proposing to reduce the number of required credits from 78 to 66 to complete the degree. They found that students were taking 3+ years to graduate with the increased credit requirement, and this change is to reduce that.

-- Both DAT changes were voted on together. Approved unanimously.

3. Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics (Chris Williams)

-Chris Williams attended the meeting to discuss this item.

-This certificate involves three colleges: Business, Science, and Engineering.

-Questions:

--Does this focus on data security? CW: Computer Science has a data security program. It is not integrated into this certificate. Those courses could be used as electives for this certificate.

--How long is the expectation to complete this certificate? CW: Other statistics certificate takes a few years along with the degree the student is earning.

--12 credits seems light for a graduate certificate. CW: This is the same credit requirement for the other certificate in Statistics.

--What if Stat 431 prerequisite as already been taken? CW: An elective can be taken to get those 3 credits. They will be flexible with electives.

--It was recommended to remove the option of MIS 455/555 from the requirement and make the requirement be MIS 555. CW: He will discuss that idea with the department.

--Will students be required to get a B or better in every class or a 3.0 GPA across the certificate program? CW: Not sure, but probably a 3.0 across the program.

-Smith moved to approve. Seconded by Holyoke. Approved unanimously.

4. Fire Ecology, Management, and Technology Graduate Certificate

-They propose to remove NRS 573 because the professor retired, and there is no immediate plan to offer it again. They will replace it with FOR 454/554. They are also add REM 407, which is an on-campus version of REM 510, to better enable on-campus students to complete the certificate.

- Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Bailey. Approved with one abstention.

5. Environmental Science Changes
 - They propose to change the number of credits required for the non-thesis M.S. in Environmental Science. EnvS 599 from 3 credits to 4, and EnvS 501 from 3 credits to 2. The changes are to bring recent advising in line with the catalog.
 - Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Bailey. Approved unanimously.
 6. MOSS Certificate Name Change
 - Changing the name of the certificate from Environmental Education to Environmental Education and Science Communication.
 - Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman. Approved unanimously.
 7. MOSS Certificate Curriculum Change
 - They are proposing changing the number of credits per course to be more in line with the number of contact hours.
 - Councilmembers expressed concern with the requirement of Master's/Doctoral Research and Thesis credits on this certificate program. They would like more information from the department about why this requirement is there.
 - Smith moved to table this item for further information. Seconded by Johnson.
 - McMurtry will contact the department for additional information.
 8. Masters of Architecture
 - This is to remove electives that are no longer offered from the curriculum.
 - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Zadehgol. Approved with one abstention.
 9. Urban Design Certificate
 - New graduate certificate in Urban Design with two tracks – studio design and planning and design with a policy focus.
 - Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Minnich. Approved with two abstentions.
 10. Analog Integrated Circuit Design Graduate Certificate
 - They are removing courses that are no longer offered (ECE 512 and ECE 416) and are replacing them with different courses (ECE 565 and ECE 410). They are also adding ECE 562 and ECE 518 to extend the scope of the program.
 - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman. Approved unanimously.
 11. Power Systems Protection and Relaying Graduate Certificate
 - They are moving two courses (ECE 523 and ECE 526) from electives to required courses.
 - Minnich moved to approve. Seconded by Bailey. Approved unanimously.
- B. 699 Course addition
- Some departments have approached COGS about creating 699 Non-Dissertation Research course and adding it to FSH 4130 – Standard Course Numbers.

- Councilmembers expressed the opinion that the credit limit for 699 courses must be low. McMurtry said that would be set at the department level.
- Members expressed concern that this is a way for faculty to take advantage of doctoral students.
- The general feeling is that a limitation should be placed above the department level.
- McMurtry said this can be brought back to a later meeting and suggested a limit could be put in the COGS section of the catalog.
- Minnich moved to vote on the creation of a 699 non-dissertation research course. Seconded by Turner-Rahman. It failed with 1 vote in favor, 8 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

C. TA Formula Workgroup Development

- McMurtry reminded councilmembers that he would like to create a task force to create a new formula for distribution of COGS in-state fee scholarships for TA's.
- A meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.
- Task force members: Kelly Quinnett, Jill Johnson, Alistair Smith, Greg Turner-Rahman, Scott Minnich, Jerry McMurtry.

D. M.A. / M.S. Interdisciplinary Studies Catalog Language

- McMurtry re-introduced Master of Arts/Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies catalog language with the credit limit for directed study, special topics, or seminar courses raised from six to ten as decided at the meeting on November 30, 2016.
- Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman. Approved with one opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Future Meetings:

March 1 – Commons Aurora

April 5 – Commons Aurora

April 26 – Commons Panorama

May 10 – Commons Crest

All meetings are at 3:30 p.m. Pacific.