MINUTES


Members Absent: Mark Mandel, Gail Robertson

Guests: Craig Berridge, Tim Rogers, Enno Siemsen, Jim Keck, Richard Bruce

Staff: Jenna Alsteen, Judy Bauman, Amy Bergholz, Eileen Callahan, Kipp Cox, Meghan Chua, Nathaniel Haack, Elena Hsu, Emily Reynolds, Madeline Sena and Nick Sigmund, Jamila Siddiqui, Christopher Yue

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Automatic Consent

1. The following items were approved as a matter of automatic consent:
   a. Minutes from September 11, 2020
   b. Approval of the extension of active Graduate Faculty status for Art History Emeritus Professor Henry Drewel through May 31, 2021 (Parmesh Ramanathan)
   c. Approval of the extension through June 30, 2021 of active Graduate Faculty status for Curriculum and Instruction Emeritus Professor Julia Eklund Koza (Parmesh Ramanathan)

Motion by Parmesh Ramanathan to remove item 1c from consent agenda.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda items, excluding item 1c. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Parmesh to approve item 1c with amended end date of June 30, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Approvals:

2. Dean Karpus introduced Professors Craig Berridge and Tim Rogers who presented a request to approve Master of Science in Psychology Named Option “Data Science in Human Behavior” effective Fall 2021. The program is responsive to demand from companies, government agencies and non-profit organizations for employees skilled in data analytic tools to study human behavior. Professors Berridge and Rogers requested a change in the program proposal’s effective date from Fall 2021 to Fall 2022.
Motion: Amend request to change the effective date from Fall 2021 to Fall 2022, conditional on L&S approval of amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve Master of Science in Psychology Named Option “Data Science in Human Behavior” effective Fall 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Dean Karpus introduced Professors Craig Berridge and Tim Rogers who presented a request to approve Master of Science in Psychology Named Option “Research” effective Fall 2021. This creates the structure of a non-admitting program to serve as the standard research-oriented MS program. The effective date will need to be amended to Fall 2022.

Motion: Moved and seconded request to approve Master of Science in Psychology Named Option “Research” with an amended effective date of Fall 2022, conditional on L&S approval. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Enno Siemsen who presented a request to suspend admissions effective Fall 2022 and discontinue effective Fall 2023 the Master of Science in Business, Business: Operations and Technology Management Named Option “Business Analytics.” This program will no longer be needed after the introduction of approved Master of Science in Business Analytics.

Motion: Moved and seconded approval to suspend admissions effective Fall 2022 and discontinue effective Fall 2023 the Master of Science in Business, Business: Operations and Technology Management Named Option “Business Analytics.” The motion passed unanimously.

5. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Enno Siemsen who presented a request to suspend admissions to the Master of Business Administration, Business: General Management Named Option “Evening MBA” effective Fall 2021. This program is being phased out to “Professional MBA” program.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve suspend admissions to the Master of Business Administration, Business: General Management Named Option “Evening MBA” effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Jim Keck and Associate Professor Richard Bruce who presented a request to approve Capstone Certificate in Clinical and Health Informatics effective Summer 2021. The program will complement the MS in Clinical & Health Informatics degree program. It meets the demand for clinical and health informatics professionals in the healthcare industry and also acts as a springboard to health-related master's programs.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve Capstone Certificate in Clinical and Health Informatics effective Summer 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Program Reviews:

7. GFEC member Professor Yu Hen Hu presented the Low Award Review of the African Studies Graduate Certificate, and Doctoral Minor. Hu noted the strengths of the program include a strong national and international reputation, diverse students and faculty, strong administration, a weekly lecture series which creates strong sense of community and engagement, connection with experts and mentors.
The review committee recommendations include enhanced recruitment and visibility, strengthening existing professional development systems at the IRIS level.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Low Award Review of the African Studies Graduate Certificate and Doctoral Minor. The motion passed unanimously.**

8. GFEC member Professor Yu Hen Hu presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of the Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies MA, Graduate Certificate, Doctoral Minor. Hu noted the strengths of the program include a weekly lecture series that connects students to faculty and experts from a variety of fields, disciplines and professions, strong professional development with access to regionally-tailored advising opportunities through the Russian Flagship Program, the Language Institute and through CREECA;s own programming and internal communications.

The review committee recommendations include enhanced faculty recruitment, focus on attracting a diverse population of faculty and students, and expanding course offerings,

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the 10-Year Program Review of the African Studies Graduate Certificate and Doctoral Minor. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. GFEC member Professor Yu Hen Hu presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of the Southeast Asian Studies MA, Doctoral Minor. Hu noted the strengths of the program include a strong national and international reputation, conducive to students pursuing both academic and non-academic careers in the US and Abroad, strong administrative and faculty leadership, effective assessment process, and a Friday Forum lecture series that fosters academic community.

The review committee recommendations include recruitment of faculty with expanded expertise and creation of a transition plan in advance of the expected retirement of a senior administrator.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the 10-Year Program Review of the Southeast Asian Studies MA, Doctoral Minor. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Discussion**

10. Dean Karpus led a discussion regarding the Graduate School’s guidance and communications during COVID. The Graduate School has worked with University Communications and the Chancellor’s office to make sure communication is consistent with all other communication across campus. Karpus expressed a need for a strategic admission plan for Fall 2021 rather than suspending admissions for programs. Requests for suspending admissions will need to be supported by the School/College Dean and go through the campus governance process.

Discussed support of students including summer funding, focus report, upcoming survey regarding student experiences affected by COVID, and dissertation completion fellowships.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Dean William Karpus.