

# University Committee on Graduate Studies

Minutes

February 8, 2021

**Present:** M. Abel (COGS), L. Borquin (CANR), N. Costello (LAW), C. Ernst (CANR), Y. Figueroa (CAL), A. Gilad (CHM), A. Halvorsen (EDU), D. Hershey (NURS), K. Tollefson (for T. Jeitschko) (GRAD), K. Kim (BUS), D. Koslowsky (COM), R. Kulkarni (CNS), J. Lonstein (SSC), J. Riebschleger (COS), E. Roggenkamp (COGS), T. Sharkey (CNS), D. Straiton (COGS), B. Takahashi (CCAS), B. Van Dyke (CAL), D. Wong (EDU), T. Zhou (MUS)

**Absent:** T. Grebey (COGS), M. Haq (EGR), T. Hult (BUS), A. Moeser (CVM), F. Pratt (COGS)

## **Preliminary Matters**

The University Committee on Graduate Studies held a regular meeting via Zoom on February 8, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. with Chairperson Denise Hershey presiding. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent following an amendment. The draft minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous consent following an amendment.

Remarks were given by the Chairperson, Associate Dean Kirsten Tollefson, and Council of Graduate Students President Meagan Abel.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

Neither Graduate Instruction, Employment, and Mentoring Subcommittee Chairperson Donna Koslowsky nor Academic Research Policy Subcommittee Chairperson Kyonghee Kim had a report.

As part of a report, Curriculum and Program Review Subcommittee Chairperson Thomas Sharkey moved to approve the following curricular changes: 1) A request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Specialization in Business Concepts for Environmental Sustainability and Conservation in the College of Business, 2) a request to change the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in K12 Computer Science Education in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education, 3) a request to change the requirements for the Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre in the Department of Theatre. The motion was adopted by consent.

## **New Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorder**

The Chairperson introduced a guest, Matt Brodhead, who requested a new Master of Arts degree in Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education. Rajesh Kulkarni moved to approve the new degree. The motion was adopted by consent following debate.

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## **New Graduate Specialization in Education Policy and Social Sciences**

The Chairperson introduced a guest, Katharine Strunk, who requested to establish a Graduate Specialization in Education Policy and Social Sciences in the Department of Educational Administration. Ben Van Dyke moved to approve the new specialization. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

## **New Master of Arts in Criminal Justice**

The Chairperson introduced a guest, Christopher Melde, who requested a new Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice in the school of Criminal Justice. Following debate, the committee agreed by consent to refer the issue back to Melde.

## **Presentation on UCGS Review of the Dean of the Graduate School**

The Chairperson introduced a guest, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Human Resources Suzanne Lang, whose subject was UCGS's upcoming review of Thomas Jeitschko, Dean of the Graduate School. The committee agreed that it would finalize survey questions and identify stakeholders to be surveyed at its March meeting, conduct the survey by the beginning of April, and generate a report at its April meeting. Associate Provost Lang agreed this timeline was acceptable.

## **New Master of Science in Cybercrime and Digital Investigation**

The Chairperson introduced a guest, Thomas Holt, who requested a new Master of Science degree in Cybercrime and Digital Investigation in the School of Criminal Justice. Sharkey moved to approve the requested degree. The motion was adopted by consent.

## **Change in Requirements for Master of Arts and Ph.D. in Linguistics**

The Chairperson introduced a guest, Suzanne Wagner, who requested changes in the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Linguistics and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Linguistics, both of which are in the Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian, and African Languages.

Sharkey moved to approve the changes to the Master of Arts degree. The motion was adopted by consent. Sharkey also moved to approve the changes to the Doctor of Philosophy degree. The motion was adopted by consent.

## **Change in Requirements for Ph.D. in Plant Pathology**

The Chairperson introduced a guest, Ray Hammerschmidt, who requested a change in the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Plant Pathology in the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences. Sharkey moved to approve the change in the requirements. The motion was adopted by consent.

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## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.



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Tyler Silvestri  
Secretary for Academic Governance

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