

Graduate Programs Committee
Minutes of February 25, 2021
ZOOM Meeting
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Present: M. Romero, F. McCormick, M. Jennings, M. Klett, L. Eckert, K. Teeter, D. Rowe, M. Moore, Josie Campos (student representative)

Absent: K. Smith, L. Larkin

Guests: Adam Prus, Psychology

1. Approval of Agenda – Klett/Jennings- **Approved**
2. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2021 – Rowe/Jennings - **Approved**
3. Dean’s Report (Lisa Eckert, Dean of Graduate Education and Research) – L. Eckert reported the following:
 - a. Brittney Paulk, Director of the SISU Innovation Institute spoke with Lisa and expressed interest in learning about approval processes for graduate programs at NMU. Brittney would like to attend a GPC meeting to introduce herself and to learn more.
 - b. Heather Pickett continues to work on recruitment and marketing. Graduate program enrollments have been trending upward. Heather is interested in attending a GPC meeting to learn more about how graduate programs are discussed when they are in the proposal stage.
 - c. Lisa is working with IT and exploring a computerized application system (CAS) that is outsourced by Liaison. If adopted, prospective students from all departments could use the CAS when applying to NMU.
 - d. The College of Graduate Studies is receiving completed plan of study forms from respective departments and plans for hiring fall graduate assistants are moving forward.
4. Chair’s Report (Frankie McCormick) – Frankie reported the following:
 - a. Responses received from Senate Executive Committee:
 - i. PhD program proposals for Rural Leadership and HHP Kinesiology and Exercise Science (refer to curricular item b.iii. for additional information).
 - b. Proposals in subcommittee review:
 - i. MBA – Business Analytics track: the subcommittee met with representatives from the College of Business on February 24. At the meeting, the MBA program proposal was revised (refer to curricular item b.i. in these minutes). Because the changes to the MBA program will

impact the business analytics track, business faculty will meet on to discuss ways to restructure the MBA analytics program and a revised proposal will be sent to the subcommittee.

- ii. Psychology PhD: the subcommittee will meet the first week of March to review the proposal. EPC is currently reviewing – awaiting response.
 - c. The following passed the first reading at Senate:
 - i. School of Clinical Sciences:
 1. New certificate program: Clinical Molecular Diagnostics Graduate Certificate
 2. Program revisions: Masters of Clinical Molecular Genetics
 3. New course: CLS 510 Core Concepts in Clinical Sciences
 4. Course changes:
 - CLS 543 Molecular Diagnostics in Identity Testing
 - CLS 580 Project in Molecular Genetics
 - CLS 590 Thesis in Clinical Molecular Genetics
 - ii. Biology
 1. Program revisions: Masters of Science in Biology
 - iii. Business:
 1. New course: BUS 535 Sustainable Business strategy
 - iv. Center for Native American Studies
 1. Course change: NAS 488 Native American Community Engagement
 - v. English
 1. Program revisions: Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
 - vi. Social Work
 1. Program revisions - Masters of Social Work
 2. Course changes:
 - SW 511 Clinical Methods with Individuals
 - SW 512 Clinical Methods with Couples, Families and Groups
 - SW 612 Advanced Clinical Methods with Families and Groups
5. Student Representative Report (Josie Campos) – Josie reported the following:
- a. The treasurer of the GSA has resigned. Josie will serve as the stand-in treasurer until the end of the academic year. Josie also serves as the VP and secretary organization.
 - b. Four new committees were officially ratified: budgeting and finance, outreach and events, graduate mental health and advocacy, and diversity, equity and inclusion.

- c. GSA is working with several programs sponsoring the following events: (1) McNair Scholar program for the Celebration of Student Scholarship; (2) Native American Studies Student Association to sponsor a lecture coming up about Pow Wows; (3) and a virtual yoga workshop.
- d. A committee will be working to complete the bylaws by the end of this academic year.
- e. A logo will finished soon.

6. GPC Business

- a. Graduate Faculty Applications (K. Smith, K. Teeter, M. Moore, M. Klett) – Moore/Klett – **Approved** – 13 applications for graduate faculty status were approved.

Last Name	First Name	Department	Level	Term	Begins	Expires
Beck	Kristin	Political Science	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Berry	Kevin	Business	3		8/1/2020	
Condon	Myrth	Nursing	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Copenhaver	Melissa	Nursing	3		8/1/2020	
Dalgord	Rhian	Nursing	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Dennis	Shannon	Nursing	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Hahn	Collin	Psy. Sci.	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Hall	Derek	Business	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Karr	Forrest	Business	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
LaVan	Sarah-Kate	SELPS	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Mattson	Victoria	Psy. Sci.	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Petushek	Erich	SHHP	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Sojourn	Jud	SELPS	3		8/1/2020	

- b. Curricular items
 - i. Business – MBA program changes – Klett/Jennings – **Approved** – A revised proposal for MBA program revisions was reviewed. The program changes will more effectively prepare graduates for professional management careers with a data analytics focus and will

allow students to complete their degree in one academic year.

Changes to the program include the following:

- Elimination of behavioral and quantitative categories, with a shift of courses from those categories to electives.
- Decrease in the number of credits for the degree from 36 to 30.
- Move BUS 560 Quantitative Decision Making from the quantitative category to a required core course.

Frankie reviewed changes made to the bulletin copy during the most recent subcommittee meeting:

- Removal of the listing of individual elective courses from the bulletin.
- Clarification of the portfolio of selected MBA program projects and graduate requirements.
- BUS 595 Special Topics courses may be repeated if the topic changes.
- Elective courses must be approved by the academic advisor, College of Business and be included on the student's Plan of Study.

- ii. Psychological Sciences – PSY 592 Course changes – Rowe/Teeter – **Approved** – A revised course change proposal was reviewed and Adam Prus answered questions. Rationale for the change: this course is no longer used in the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program and the changes allow MS Psychological Science students to take the course for practicum experiences. PSY 591, which is an internship instead of a practicum, is not an appropriate substitute for this course.

Other changes within the revised proposal include the following:

- Removal of prerequisite courses, PY 403, PY 503, and PY 511 from the ABA program.
- Addition of PSY 505 and PSY 506 prerequisite courses.
- Decrease in the total number of credits that can be repeated from 12 to 8 credits.
- Removal of ABA language from the program description. The program description now reads “*Focus will be on providing students with supervised experience in a professional psychology setting.*”

- iii. Executive Committee of the Academic Senate – Responses to the GPC reports recommending the PhD in Rural Leadership and the PhD in Kinesiology and Exercise Science were received from the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. The Executive Committee decided not to forward either proposal to the full Academic Senate due to concerns that were identified in their response letter. The concerns were reviewed and discussed. Frankie will work with Lisa Eckert and Elizabeth Wuorinen to submit a formal response and the original GPC reports recommending the programs will be revised to highlight pertinent information and additional documentation that had been reviewed by GPC prior to submission of these programs to the Senate. GPC recommends that Frankie and representatives from the proposing departments attend the next Senate Executive Committee meeting to discuss the proposals, answer questions, and address concerns.
- c. Policy (M. Jennings, Chair; L. Eckert, L. Larkin, and D. Rowe)
 - i. PhD Programs and Students – Matt Jennings from the policy subcommittee shared a document they are working on that includes the following criteria for PhD Programs: admissions, time to completion, dissertation requirements, dissertation committee composition, doctoral handbook, and opportunity to pass with distinction. GPC members reviewed the document and provided suggestions for revisions. The subcommittee will meet the first week of March to continue working on the document.

Adjourned 5:11 pm – Moore/Jennings

Respectfully submitted by
Melissa Romero, GPC Secretary