

Graduate Faculty Council (GFC)

02/14/2023

1:30pm-2:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Dr. Julie Aultman, Dr. Erin Franks, Dr. Priya Raman, Dr. Jesse Young, Dr. Scott Wisneski, Dr. Amy Lee, Dr. Vivian Von Gruenigen, Nathaniel Flath, Phil Jenkinson, Greg Koman, Kelly Shrock, Chelsea Luli, Alexander Peralta, Katherine Miranda, Carli Toth, Gabrielle Frame, Jodie Turosky, Lyndall McPhail, Natalie Bonfine, Rebecca Fischbein, Vahagn Ohanyan, Angelo DeLucia, Dr. Bernhard Fassl

Absent: Dr. Matthew Smith

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order		
2. Approval of February 14 th , 2023, Meeting Minutes	Dr. Aultman asked the council if there were any edits or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Nath Flath made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Raman seconded the motion. The meeting minutes from the February 14 th , 2023, GFC meeting were approved.	Vote
New Business: 3. Repeat Course Policy	Phil Jenkinson presented the repeat course policy. At the last GFC meeting held February 2023, it was noted that the repeat course policy will be revised. Mr. Jenkinson provides background information on the policy to the council. The policy being replaced is the following: <i>“Both the original and repeated grades are utilized in the calculation of the grade point average (GPA).”</i> This policy is being placed with the following: <i>“The higher grade will be used in the calculation of GPA. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher while enrolled in the College of Graduate Studies. If a student falls below a 3.0 GPA threshold, they will be referred to the Committee on Academic and Professional Progress (CAPP).”</i> This process will ultimately remove the clause that requires both grades, the fail and the repeat grade to average into the GPA. Dr. Aultman asked the council if there were any edits or corrections to the policy. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the new policy to be implemented. Dr. Raman made a motion to approve the policy. Ms. Fischbein seconded the motion. The new repeat course policy were approved.	Vote
Updates: 4. Media Site Update	Kelly Shrock presented Echo360, NEOEMED is moving to ECHO 360, and they are providing the training for the new program. Chelsea Luli will be attending a six-hour training regarding the new system change which will be implemented Fall 2023.	Informational

5. E-Portfolio Update	Kelly Shrock presented a new program within Canvas. This new program was originally only accessed by BTB students, this program is a personalized portfolio which displays all goals and accolades and easier to connect with other students and faculty members. Canvas has now rolled out a E-portfolio for all students/faculty members to use.	Informational
6. Spring Semester Update	Kelly Shrock presented how there was originally 156 courses, which has been reduced to 136, which includes the new programs that will be launching in the Fall of 2023. 40 courses are currently running this Spring semester, about 24 faculty course directors.	Informational
7. Compass Update	Kelly Shrock presented how the GFC will be moving over to Microsoft Teams to review documents, no one opposed. The process of reviewing, editing, and sending individual files and documents will be much smoother for everyone, and vastly easy for everyone to navigate.	Informational
8. New Intern	Kelly Shrock presented the new intern, Katie Boor. Mrs. Shrock mentioned how Ms. Boor will have access and will be assisting Mrs. Shrock with daily duties and activities.	Informational
9. Expectations of Students Conduct and Professional Commitment	Dr. Aultman presented that this new policy was mandatory from Academic Management Partnership (AMP). However, it was not further discussed until the next GFC meeting. Faculty was instructed to review the policy and if they had any questions or concerns to note it for the next GFC meeting.	Informational
10. Open for discussion	<p>The confirmation of Dr. Faison, the new provost, has been confirmed and will be starting his role April 1st. Dr. Faison will be responsible for all academics' components and the international center. Dr. Aultman pointed out to the faculty that his office will potentially be reaching out to the program directors, and any persons who are leading in various efforts and educational capacities.</p> <p>The College of Medicine search for a new dean is being finalized and potentially announced shortly.</p> <p>The College of Dentistry will be submitting their CODA (for accreditation purposes) February 22nd and then in July CODA will be meeting.</p>	Informational
11. End of Meeting	The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm	