

MINUTES
West Virginia University Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday ~ January 19, 2017
Cathedral Room - Mountainlair

ATTENDEES

Katherine Karraker, Eugenia Pena-Yewtukhiw, Mary Ellen Koay, Michelle Sandrey, Evan MacCarthy, Jessica Deshler, Constina Charbonette, Sean McGowan, Megan Dillow, Kevin Daly, Louis Slimak, Daniel Panaccione, Gerald Blakely, Matthew Jacobsmeier, Victor Mucino, Elaine Eschen, Grazyna Szklarz, Misti Woldemikael, Jacob Sanwidi, Robert Brock, Michelle Costas, Adam Komisaruk

NEW BUSINESS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Review Minutes from the December 2016 Council Meeting

Motion was made to approve minutes with one attendance correction.

Motion approved.

Proposals

Program Change:

MBA (Key 54): The MBA curriculum committee has been working on a curriculum review of the full-time MBA program for a number of reasons. It's clear from external benchmarking and an internal review of resources that significant changes are needed in this program. In the interim, the MBA committee has put together a curriculum that leverages courses from other business graduate programs to create synergies across our graduate offerings and create opportunities for students to work together. The proposed changes will apply to the 2017-18 academic year. The program will remain at 50 credit hours.

Motion was made to approve the Program Change.

Motion approved (with abstention).

Intent to Plan:

Master of Accountancy (Key 804). The WVU College of Business and Economics currently offers the Master of Professional Accountancy or MPA program. The department of accounting would like to formally change the name to the Master of Accountancy (MAcc). This change is in accordance with how the degree is referred to in the market, which will make students more competitive with the appropriate credentials. This is supported by benchmarking of national competitors; they refer to their programs as a Master of Accountancy. In addition to the name change, the department of accounting has introduced new courses and created tracks to better prepare graduates for professional opportunities. Details will be provided in the new program proposal at a later date.

Motion was made to approve the Intent to Plan.

Motion was approved (with abstention).

Program Change:

Certificate in University Teaching: Changes to the requirements for the Certificate in University Teaching, a fifteen-credit hour program that helps prepare graduate students for teaching at the college level, are requested. The goal of the Certificate is to develop students' ability to design and teach their own courses while implementing effective classroom techniques, assessment, and reflection. The rationale for the proposed changes is to streamline the Certificate's requirements to better align with the program's goals and objectives. We propose that the changes to go into effect Fall Semester 2017. Students admitted to the Certificate prior to Fall 2017 have the option of fulfilling the requirements that were in place when they were accepted into the Certificate or complete the requirements that are in place when they are ready to graduate.

Motion was made to approve the Program Change.

Motion approved.

BOG Review Assignments

Graduate Council members were asked to indicate their requests for program review assignments on a form that was distributed. Assignments and materials will be sent to reviewers soon.

Preparing for Fellowship Reviews

Graduate Council members will be serving as reviewers of fellowship nominations. Constina Charbonnette presented information about fellowships, the review timeline, and procedures.

Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion approved