

MINUTES
West Virginia University Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday ~ April 21, 2016
Monongahela Room - Mountainlair

ATTENDEES

G. Blakely, R. Brock, M. Costas, K. Daly, M. Dillow, C. Hart, M. Jacobsmeier, M. Koay, K. Karraker, A. Komisaruk,
E. MacCarthy, V. Mucino, A. Nimbarte, D. Panaccione, E. Pena-Yewtukhiw, M. Sandrey, T. Smith, G. Szklarz, S.
Tu, S. Urbanski

NEW BUSINESS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Review Minutes from the March 2016 Council Meeting

Motion was made to approve minutes without changes.

Motion approved.

New Major

MSN (Nursing) – Executive Focus – (Key 712 plus additional attachment) – The content of the MSN component of the dual degree MSN/MBA program meets all of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing. The nursing component includes Health Care Informatics, Role Seminar, Statistics, Population Health Promotion Evidence Based Practice, Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Health Care Leadership, Health Care Issues, Policy and Ethics, and a Leadership Practicum for application of knowledge learned to the healthcare setting. All of the content (aside from the Practicum) will be delivered via a synchronous on-line format with evening classes, so as to be convenient for nurses who maintain employment while seeking the degree.

Motion was made to approve the new major for MSN Nursing Executive Focus.

Motion approved.

IMC - Media Solutions and Innovation (Key: 718) – The proposed creation of a master's degree in Media Solutions supports objectives 1 and 2 of the University's goal of engaging graduate students in a challenging academic environment. The creation of this major is a direct response to the shifting landscape of the media industry. This program's focus on applied innovation represents an integrated approach to problem solving along the complex disruption paths affecting the media enterprise. This immersive program positions our students as future leaders in media technology and as highly adaptive professionals who are able to practice, acquire and transfer new skill sets with ease. Additionally, the creation of this program supports the University's second stated goal: to excel in research, creative activity and innovation in all disciplines. This program will directly support that goal's second objective to improve and expand graduate education.

Motion was made to approve the new major for IMC Media Solutions and Innovation.

Motion approved.

Program Changes

Ph.D. in Epidemiology (Key: 358) – The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Epidemiology prepares students for a career in research, teaching, practice, or consulting. Students develop research and teaching skills in epidemiology through coursework and practice based opportunities. The curriculum provides rigorous and comprehensive training in epidemiologic methods for clinical and population based research including study design, statistical analysis, and interpretation of results, as well as research in multiple content areas.

Motion was made to approve the program changes for the Ph.D. in Epidemiology.

Motion approved.

Ph.D. in Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences (Key: 355) – Students will complete a 1 credit teaching practicum (OEHS 790) during which they will spend time in a mentored relationship with a faculty member, assisting with the administration and teaching of a course. These may be graduate or undergraduate level courses. Students who have a strong interest in teaching should also consider taking C&I 789 Teaching in Higher Education (3 credits). This is a general methods course involving instructional concepts and strategies for present/prospective faculty in higher education. Students without a strong interest in teaching may request a waiver of the teaching practicum requirement.

Motion was made to approve the program changes for the Ph.D. in Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences.

Motion approved.

Ph.D. in Social and Behavioral Sciences (Key: 353) – Students entering the SBHS PhD program with advanced standing will complete the minimum program requirements listed in the proposal. Additional courses may be needed depending on the student's degree and prior coursework. Students with advanced standing will need to work with their advisor to determine their ultimate course of study.

Motion was made to approve the program changes for the Ph.D. in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Motion approved.

Program Reviews

MS Animal Nutritional Sciences – V. Mucino, A. Nimbarte

Continuation of the program at the current level of activity without specific action.

Other Business

Graduate Catalog – section on Degree Regulations (attached) – All members review

Motion was made to approve the suggested modifications to Degree Regulations.

Motion approved.

Gerontology Certificate follow-up to BOG review (attached) – All members review

Motion was made to approve the data provided for previous program review as requested.

Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion approved.