

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2022– 4-5PM (rescheduled for March 1, 2022 8-9 AM)
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x	Jerry McMurtry	x	Kristin Henrich (Library)	x	Grant Harley (COS)
x	Chris Ludwig (EHHS)		Pedram Rezamand (At-Large/CALS)	x	Steffen Werner (At-Large/CLASS)
x	Linda Chen (CBE)	x	Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)	x	Ata Zadehgoi (ENGR)
	Dan Cronan (CAA)	x	Kerri Vierling (CNR/ENVS)		Seth Rose (GPSA)
x	Paul Hohenlohe (UWP)		Dan Strawn (CALC)		Alexander Blanco (GPSA)
x	Sarah Wu (At Large/ENGR)				

- I. Minutes from January 19, 2021 were not reviewed or approved. This will be done on March 23rd.

- II. Announcements
 - a. Update on Grad Visit Day. 15 students made it (Math, BioSci, Antho, Soils, Entomology) A couple students to visit later.
 - b. Statewide 3MT U of I 3rd place Torrey Stephenson <https://www.uidaho.edu/cogs/3mt-state/winners>
 - c. (Forming) Excellence Awards Evaluation Committee-need evaluations completed and winners selected by March 10. If interested, contact Stephanie.
 - d. TA allocations per college. The College Deans have them and are encouraged to increase PhD production with these allocations.

- III. Old Business
 - a. Curriculum items: Program representative from Nutritional Sciences invited to answer questions raised at December meeting:
 1. The request for additional learning outcomes were addressed in the addendum.
 2. Coursework for the Ph.D. was paired down to 78 credits. It's up to the department to decide what the balance of research and coursework looks like.
 3. Regarding why other FCS 500 level courses were not listed, the other courses include all other divisions and are not necessary for this program. They fixed the missing thesis credits; it was an oversight.
 4. The six AVS classes are listed as course options, because the basis of the science is similar and relevant. They will work with AVS to make sure they will be offered in a consistent rotation.

Members expressed concerns about courses not being offered. Some 400 level courses could be used but this would have to be a significant minority. A minimum of 18 credits at the 500 level are required for a master's degree. Nutrition faculty emphasizes that they are just options (in AVS) but based on specific student interest since nutrition is nutrition. FCS is adding courses each semester to the options with 3 new nutrition courses developed: and one piloted in fall and on approval track.

PDF Nutritional Sciences (M.S.) <https://nextcatalog.uidaho.edu/programadmin/?key=435>
 Nutritional Sciences (Ph.D.) <https://nextcatalog.uidaho.edu/programadmin/?key=439>

Moved to vote: Vote: 8 approved, and 1 abstention. Item moves forward to UCC.
 - b. 4+1 Program. Review of draft. (attached) Ability to maintain tuition rate. Approved by state board. Chemistry is on board to try it out, but some have expressed concerns about practicality and will send concerns to address. Important to reinforce that student need to self-plan and be proactive. EHHS asks if fast track already exists, will they be able to use it? Likely. Marketing materials are going to roll out for recruitment.

- c. Council reviewed language in the catalog on major professor and committee procedures.
<https://nextcatalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/graduate-studies/doctoral-degrees/#phddedprocedurestext>

CATALOG: Procedures for Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Education Degrees currently says,

Appointment of Major Professor and Committee

Refer to the "Appointment of Major Professor and Committee for All Degree Seeking Graduate Students" in the preceding General Graduate Regulations section. In addition, a doctoral supervisory committee consists at least of four people: the major professor as chair and at least one additional UI faculty member from the program, the balance of the committee may be made up of faculty members from a minor or supporting area, and faculty members from a discipline outside the major. If the committee has a co-chair the minimum number of committee members is five.

MP must be current faculty. If a student is close to finishing, we allow a professor who is leaving the university to remain as MP, if it won't disrupt the student's progress. Discussion on whether when Co-major professors are approved, do we need to extend the committee to five members?

Comments: Co chairs are still 2 people so seems fair to count as 2 and there doesn't seem to be a reason to add another to the committee than the minimum requirement of 4, especially since we allow external members who count as part of the count. Emeritus. Access to banner is removed after they leave so it becomes difficult to adequately perform all required duties as MP.

IV. New Business

- a. Student Appeal of denied petition to have committee member without same degree as student sit on PhD committee. Council suggests adding contribution in the Acknowledgments or to co-author a paper, but the PhD is not the place for these collaborations. Council cannot determine professional equivalencies to academic ones. Council vote: 7 No, 2 abstentions. Appeal is Denied.
- b. Graduate Admissions: Discussion on acceptance of unofficial Iranian transcripts and diplomas to start the department review process. Our policy is to verify the degree is conferred prior to sending it to the department. Iran issues a completion certificate, but not a conferral if student owes money or mandatory military service accounting for a long-time delay to verify these documents. Internal policies can be applied case by case. Discussion on whether to process with the temporary conferral and have them go through the admission process. If accepted, we hold I-20 until real documents arrive. There's no guaranteed acceptance guarantees an I-20. There is another review. This policy would cover all international or domestic applications. Admissions is asking for guidance for internal procedures, should they bring to council on case-by-case basis to send to dept? Will this tie up funding? Students are saying universities will release the conferred documents if they are accepted to a US institution, so Admissions is going to investigate more on the validity of these comments.

Council will need to approve 2 sets of minutes (January 19 and March 1) next time.

Meeting Adjourned 9:05 AM

Upcoming Meetings:

March 23, 2022

April 13, 2022

May 4, 2022

