Graduate Council Minutes
3/28/2024 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.

I. Minutes from Feb 15, 2024. Vote to approve. 8/0/0

II. Jerry’s announcements.
   a. New positions in COGS
   b. How to hood your student - Commencement video – filmed.
   c. Vice Provost FSH 1565 - Faculty and new classifications pending
   d. Congratulations to the new WAGS-President elect – Jerry McMurtry
   e. Workforce Education annual conference in Boise in June

III. These items are in a shared folder. Course/curriculum changes to approve:
   - Admission appeal for entry into MFA Theatre presented by program representative.
     The student graduated from a college that was not accredited at the time but is now accredited. A discussion about we could only consider the credentials at that snapshot in time when making those decisions. We don’t have a process for reconsidering denials other than bringing it to council; therefore, we are considering this request to enter MFA in Theatre. Quinnett will serve as Major Professor. This situation has only happened once before in Music, but applicant was denied. There is A Consensus to Defer to the faculty in the department to make the decision based on the prospective student’s portfolio. Motion to overturn denial moved. Vote 8/0/2 Approved.
   - COGS petition review denial for admission based on no degree completed-
     o Degree completion but -no degree conferral date so does not meet minimum requirement as far as official rules. Dec 1996-5 year program. Program Allow admission. Previous case (student missing one course Math 108-disenrolled) Working in the field, why need degree? Trying to get back into the career, three awards can never be completed with our required materials because cannot be completed by the previous institution. Thesis was required and not completed. Council suggests: 1. Request-Letter from the university/registrar saying it meets the requirements for degree or 2. Ask the student for more info. 3. Stronger support letter from the department about admitting. 4. Letters of rec. 2 employers and 1 from the university. Item Tabled until later/more information.
• Program: Nuclear Material Engineering Cert. (unclear why it was returned for a vote, but likely a language editing/revision) Motion. Vote. Unanimously passes.
• Course: NRS 515 Introduction to Ecological Data Analysis in R. ST: 504 to new official permanent class, hard number. Moved. Vote: Unanimously passes.
• Course: WLF 553 Reproducible Data Science. New course from new faculty, concerning data management, open-source coding, and data, with the purpose for students to learn how to develop data for publication. Moved. Vote. Unanimous approval

IV. Other items:
Grad Faculty Review at other institutions varies, a few examples available, but not consolidated yet. We should consult FSH 1565 and revisit at next meeting.

Discussion on process for Readmission. Currently, a resume and application fee are required. Would programs need different tracks or additional review items for readmission?

Small discussion about adding MPs at admission stage in SLATE and Banner. It would be helpful, but SHACOMI must match SGAADVR for workflow to function properly.

Adjourned: 4:30 PM