

Graduate Council Meeting

March 20, 2025, 12:25pm

MCCC 319

Minutes

Present: Kaitlin Ensor, Dwight Heaster, JD Carpenter, Robin Meadows, Gerda Kumpiene, Kevin Evans, Scott Beatty, Donal Hardin, Mari Clements, Rachel Adams, Leisa Dean,

Absent: Connie Stout

Guests: Ann Reed

Call to Order

- Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2025. Kevin motioned to approve with the update of server to serve under Student Representative in the New Business section; JD seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Dismissal Policy and Procedure
 - The Council discussed the entire Probation and Suspension Policy as well as the dismissal portion.
 - The Council asked is removing the probation from the policy and replacing it with suspension would solve the confusion in the wording.
 - Ann and Rachel said they would have to look over the policy and see if that would make sense.
 - The Council asked for a clean up of the policy and have them ready for the next scheduled meeting.
 - The Council decided once a student has been suspended they will need to ask for reinstatement into the program.
 - The council then discussed what the process will be for this. They decided there should be a reinstatement form.
 - JD motioned to approve the use of form for students that ask to be reinstated; Robin seconded. Motion passed.
- Plans of Study
 - Business presented updated plans of study for all of the rize concentrations. rizes' semester dates are not within the 2-week window of our semesters and we will be unable to offer them in the summer.

- Education presented new plans of study due to no longer offering EDUC 600 for the MAT program. This will cut the core to 27 hours and up the student teaching to 6 hours, keeping the total at 33 hours.
 - Dwight motioned to approve the change to MAT program; JD seconded. Motion passed.
- The MACI plan of study was updated based on which semester students will be starting.
- Criminal Justice does not have an updated plan of study.

Teaching Assistants

- The Council discussed the use of teaching assistants; Would they actually be teaching or would they help with things like grading? If they are not teaching maybe we should update and make them a Graduate Fellow.
 - Since teaching assistants have previously been paid as adjuncts, what would be their benefits? Is it the same as GA's? Should they be paid? How much?
 - The Council asked everybody to think about these things and bring back suggestions to the next meeting. Once we have this discussion we will invite Tim Henline to a meeting and ask for the Business Departments suggestions.

New Business

- CSCI/CIA
 - JD presented updated course outline and plans of study for the rize Cybersecurity concentration.
 - This was done because the Department of Business has been approved to offer a new degree, Computer and Information Analysis (CIA). This change revises part of the classes we previously offered as CSCI courses. We want to update these courses to have the same subject name.
 - Kevin motioned to approve; Gerda seconded. Motion passed.
- Accelerated/4+1 Program
 - The Council started reviewing the list of proposed question for what the requirements and policies will be for the program.
 - Cumulative GPA – 3.5
 - Major GPA – No
 - Residency Requirement – 30 hours completed or on track to complete by the end of the sophomore year
 - Limited seats – determined by program coordinator
 - We will go over the remaining questions at the next meeting

