

Graduate Council Minutes

Friday, February 14, 2020

Attendance: Gordon Brooks, Geoff Dabelko, Pete Harrington, Wojciech Jadwisienczak, Paul Jones, David Koonce, Joseph Lee, Brian McCarthy, Greg Newton, Eric Nichols, Beth Quitslund, Erik Ramsey, Andy Ray, Carol Schaumleffel, Joe Shields, and Lijing Yang

Excused: Charlotte Elster, Andrew Fodor Andrea Frohne, Alex Hibbitt, Arthur Hughes, Janet Hulm, Jacob Kemp, Sally Marinellie, Patrick O'Connor, Shawn Ostermann, Ann Paulins, Assan Sarr, Jennifer Smith, Katie Tadlock, and Daren Tadros

Convened: The meeting was convened at 3:06 pm.

1. Approval of the minutes for the January 24, 2020 meeting will be tabled until March meeting. Quorum not achieved.

2. Chair's Report: Gordon Brooks

Students are now required to register with Global Affairs for any university related travel. After registering, these students are then enrolled in health insurance. Should we have Global Affairs come and explain? The council members are interested in Global Affairs coming to discuss this topic.

Gordon also announced Ohio University students are not allowed to travel to China with the current health situation.

In addition, Gordon has reached out to Student Affairs asking them to meet with Graduate Council about mental health services for graduate students.

3. Graduate Student Senate Report: Eric Nichols

Graduate Student Senate allocated more money for Original Work Grants (OWG). Students can now apply for up to \$1000.00. The previous OWG maximum was \$750.00.

GSS elections are happening soon and debates are scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th, 7 PM, Walter Hall 235

4. Remarks by Dean of the Graduate College: Joe Shields

Joe announced the 3MT – Finals are scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 and encouraged members to attend.

Joe shared that budget cuts scenarios may result in a reduction in the number of Named Fellows for the upcoming year. The committee is concerned about this reduction in funding and how it may impact those nominations from the humanities and fine arts.

5. Remarks by Associate Dean of the Graduate College: David Koonce

David announced applications are trending up, although domestic applications are slightly down, and international applications are up.

David distributed “Basic Needs” folders to council members. The folders have been provided by the Dean of Students Office.

David asked Andy Ray to update the council on how Chinese applicants have been affected by the coronavirus outbreak. China has suspended English proficiency testing until the situation resolves.

Andy Ray suggested the following for evaluating applicants. To assess English proficiency, perhaps graduate chairs can use Skype, or ask for additional documentation from applicants.

David shared the following online GSO module results– 79 % of incoming students have completed the module for spring term. The online GSO module is required for all incoming graduate students.

David updated Graduate Council on the advancement of the continual enrollment policy. There will need to be systems put in place to uphold this policy. A communication plan will be critical. David asked Beth to update the council on the two new course curricula to achieve continual enrollment.

Beth introduced New Courses (GRAD 8930 and GRAD 8940) for the council’s consideration.

The names of these courses are independent graduate study and independent graduate research to meet the concerns expressed by Office of Registrar. These two courses will not count toward degree requirements. Students will still need to be enrolled for dissertation hours the term of defense/graduation (see Appendix A).

Action: Graduate Council has no concerns with these courses and approves moving it forward.

Beth also announced the status of the curricula round up, which stands at 46 surveys outstanding. Beth reminded everyone that programs without curricula will not be listed in the graduate catalog or receive applications.

6. Curriculum Committee

- a. Gordon updated the council about a change in the UCC process. In order to streamline the process, there will be a single reading and comment period. This will require less from council members. Graduate Council may need to discuss with UCC the role Graduate Council plays. Let Gordon know if you have thoughts.

- b. Program Code: CTX56G, Program name: Athletic Training Residency, College: HSP

Action: No concerns.

- c. Program Code: MSSX20, Program name: Sustainability, Security, and Resilience Studies, College: GVS
Natalie Kruse attended Graduate Council as a guest and summarized this program. It will be fully online and aimed at career professionals. This program will respond to events caused by climate change. This program will address concerns and challenges at the policy, government, and community engagement level. This program will help professionals learn to create sustainable, resilient and secure systems.
Action:
No concerns.
 - d. Program Code: CTX35G, Program name: Environmental Change Management and Leadership, College: GVS
Action:
No concerns.
 - e. Program Code: CTX34G, Program name: Community Risk and Resilience Certificate, College: GVS
Action:
No concerns.
 - f. Program Code: CTX36G, Program name: Planning Resilient Systems, College: GVS
Action:
No concerns.
7. Program Review Committee
The feedback about the deadline for deans was well received.
 8. Graduate Student Affairs and Fellowships Committee
Named Fellowships – With a high confidence of being able to offer three fellowships, the committee will review Named Fellowship nominations using three categories (STEM, social sciences, and fine arts/communication).
 9. Policies and Regulations Committee
Nothing to report
Council members asked if a conflict of interest policy exists for Teaching Assistants (TA). Ohio University does not review for TA conflict of interest. The council wonders if other institutions have one in place. For example, if a TA assigns grades, could the same conflict of interest concerns exist for TAs that exist for faculty members. The committee will explore this concern by researching what other institutions do and bring the results of this research back to the council for further discussion.
 10. Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee
Nothing to report

11. Old Business

Nothing to report

12. New Business

Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

Appendix A

Document #647505 | New Course: GRAD 8930

Document Information

Document Type	Version	Document Status	Contact
New Course	3.0	Contact Review	Beth Quitslund (quitslund)
Creation Info	Last Modification	Desired Effective Term	
02/13/2020 by Beth Quitslund	02/13/2020 by Beth Quitslund	Fall Semester 2020-21	

Course Offering

Course Level	Subject	Course Number
Graduate	GRAD	8930
Department	College	
GRAD: Graduate College	GRAD: Graduate College	
Catalog Course Type	Service Learning?	
Graduate College	No	

Course Info

Short Name	Long Name
Independent Graduate Study	Independent Graduate Study

Course Description

Students in this course conduct independent work toward their degree, including qualifying or comprehensive exam preparation, independent reading, and dissertation prospectus research. This work is typically unsupervised and credit hours from this course will not count toward graduation requirements. This course is appropriate for students who have not advanced to doctoral candidacy.

Was this course ever offered as a temporary or experimental course?

Is this course functionally equivalent to an existing course?

No

Typical Offering	Credit Hours Type	Credit Hours
Every Semester	Variable	0.5 - 2.5

Grade Eligibility Code

06: F,CR,WP,WF,WN,
FN,AU,I

Grade Eligibility Code Justification

Students in this course work toward their degrees at their own pace and without supervision.

Special Course Type	Repeatable	Max Repeat Hours
None selected	Repeatable	7.5

Additional Resources

This course is being created to support the new policy of required continuous enrollment for all doctoral and MFA students. (Non-terminal master's degrees are exempt.) Starting fall 20-21, students who are active in their programs (i.e., not just dropping out) must be enrolled in at least 0.5 credit hours unless they formally take a leave of absence. Students who do not need to enroll for hours in their own program may reduce costs by enrolling in a GRAD continuous enrollment course (GRAD 8930 or GRAD 8940).

Outcome Goals

- Students will be able to demonstrate their intention to earn a terminal graduate degree.

Prerequisites

Prerequisite Description

Prerequisite Courses

No prerequisites selected.

"No Credit If" Restrictions

No restrictions to display.

Primary Course Component

Component Type

Independent Study

Contact Hours

0.5

Sections per year

1

Section Size

50

Comments

No comments specified.

Course Topics

Topics List

- Work toward a terminal degree

Texts/Readings

Variable depending on the graduate program and project

Key Grade Factors

Variable depending on the graduate program and project; examples include qualifying or comprehensive exam, dissertation prospectus, or preliminary dissertation data analyses. (100%)

Summative Experience

Variable depending on the graduate program and project; examples include qualifying or comprehensive exam, dissertation prospectus, or preliminary dissertation data analyses. (100%)

Relation

Major Set Aside

No

Overlap, Complement, Collaboration

General Education

This section does not apply. Graduate courses cannot apply as general education courses.

IR Codes

✘ IR Codes have not been completed and approved.

Appendix B

Document #647370 | New Course: GRAD 8940

Document Information

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Course Offering

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Graduate	GRAD	8940
Department	College	
GRAD: Graduate College	GRAD: Graduate College	
Catalog Course Type	Service Learning?	
Graduate College	No	

Course Info

Short Name	Long Name
Independent Graduate Research	Independent Graduate Research

Course Description

Students in this course conduct independent work toward their degree, including independent reading and dissertation preparation. This work is typically unsupervised and credit hours from this course will not count toward graduation requirements. This course is appropriate for students who have advanced to doctoral candidacy.

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Is this course functionally equivalent to an existing course?

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Outcome Goals

- Students will be able to demonstrate advances in field-specific skills and/or knowledge.

Prerequisites

Prerequisite Description

Prerequisite Courses

No prerequisites selected.

"No Credit If" Restrictions

No restrictions to display.

Primary Course Component

Component Type

Research

Contact Hours

0.5

Sections per year

4

Section Size

50

Comments

No comments specified.

Course Topics

Topics List

- Work toward a terminal degree

Texts/Readings

Variable depending on the graduate program and project

Key Grade Factors

A completed dissertation or dissertation components. (100%)

Summative Experience

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Relation

Major Set Aside

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