

**Graduate Academic Affairs Committee  
Saint Louis University  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 11, 2022**

**Present:** Martha Allen, Christopher Arnatt, Latoya Cash, Marissa Cope, Felicia Echols, Michael Elliot, Audra Frick, Jesus Garcia-Martinez, Elizabeth Gockel-Blessing, Jay Haugen, Riyadh Hnidi, Irma Kuljanishvili, Helen Lach, Joe Lyons, Stephen Magoc, Shreya Nagendra, J. Mark Pousson, William Rehg, Simon Rentea, Ann Scarlett, Joseph Schafer, April Trees, and Robert Wood

**Excused:** Palash Bera, Anthony Breitbach, David Cassens, Christine Harper, Stacey Harrington, Hisako Matsuo, Kristi Richter, Steven Sanchez, Abigail Schnell, and Theodore Vitali

The Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was presented to the committee for approval. The motion passed. The committee adopted the agenda with no additions.

**Associate Provost's Remarks**

No remarks.

**Minutes**

The February minutes were approved with no corrections.

**Correspondence**

None

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE:**

**Dr. Michael Elliott - College for Public Health and Social Justice: Health Management and Policy – Master of Health Administration (MHA)**

The College of Public Health for Social Justice proposed a program change:

- HMP 5910 Internship reduced from 3.0 to 1.0 credit hours
- HMP Rounds 5900-01 increase from 0.5 credit hours to 1.0 credit hours for both Fall and Spring semesters in year one
- Add an additional rounds course HMP 5900 in Fall semester of Year 2. The total number of credit hours for the degree would remain at 60

No discussion by the committee. The committee accepted course change by consensus.

**Dr. Mark Pousson - School of Education: Higher Education and Student Affairs  
Administration Master Program**

The School of Education proposed program changes:

- Added one credit hour Internship to the program going from 32 credits to 33 credits
- EDR 5100 - Introduction to Inferential Statistics is being replaced with a new course EDH 5700 - Assessment and Evaluation in Student Affairs

No discussion by the committee. The committee accepted course change by consensus.

**Dr. Mark Pousson - School of Education: Ph.D. in Higher Education and Student Affairs  
Administration**

The School of Education proposed program changes:

- Adding a professional seminar in doctoral studies in higher education (EDH 6020) - 1 credit. This course will prepare students for doctoral studies on the front end. It will include a focus on dissertation preparation throughout the program.
- Replacing the required EDH 5350 Student Development Theory I (3 credits) with a new required course, EDH 6350 College Student Choice, Access, and Success (3 credits). The Student Development Theory I course is very practitioner focused. The new course will provide a background in college student development but focus on providing a deep dive into the research and theory related to the college-going experience.
- Adding EDH 6640 Social Theory & Social Justice in Higher Education (3 credits) as a new required course. This course directly contributes to our Social Justice Framework and will provide students with a rich foundation of theory to understand higher education
- Adding EDR 6100 (Intermediate Statistics) and EDR 6400 (Advanced Qualitative) as required courses. These new requirements will replace one research elective and the currently required course EDR 6970 Research Topics.
- Two friendly amendments were added to the department proposal to state the increased program required credit hours from 42 credit hours to 46, and no new resources, i.e., faculty, are needed to execute the program changes.

Jesus Garcia-Martinez motioned to accept the proposed program with changes. William Rehg seconded. Motion passed.

**Dr. Stephen Magoc – Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology: Department of Aviation Science – Doctor of Aviation**

The Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology proposed a new program, the Av.D. degree program, as is the Ph.D. in Aviation degree program, is designed to be an online degree program. The Av.D. degree program will utilize the same coursework as the Ph.D. in Aviation, as they are both research-oriented doctoral programs. The significant difference between the Av.D. and the Ph.D. degree programs is found when the student completes the required coursework. At the conclusion of the coursework, the Ph.D. student will engage in the dissertation and defense process. The Av.D. student will engage in solving an industry-based problem.

Jesus Garcia-Martinez motioned to accept the proposed program with changes. Helen Lach seconded. Motion passed.

**Dr. April Trees – College of Arts & Sciences – Center for Health Care Ethics: PhD. Health Care Ethics**

The Center for Health Care Ethics raised the program's continuation standards cumulative GPA from 3.0 to 3.5.

No discussion by the committee. The committee accepted program change by consensus.

**Dr. April Trees – Center for Health Care Ethics and Department of Theological Studies**

The Center for Health Care Ethics and the Department of Theological Studies agreed to raise the joint PhD program's continuation standards cumulative GPA from 3.0 to 3.5

No discussion by the committee. The committee accepted program change by consensus.

**Dr. April Trees – College of Arts & Sciences – Center for Health Care Ethics and Philosophy: Joint PhD, Philosophy and Bioethics**

The Center for Health Care Ethics and the Department of Philosophy agreed to raise the joint PhD program's continuation standards cumulative GPA from 3.0 to 3.5.

No discussion by the committee. The committee accepted program change by consensus.

**Dr. April Trees – College of Arts & Sciences Integrated and Applied Sciences**

The College of Arts & Sciences announced that the Integrated and Applied Sciences program has moved from the College of Arts & Sciences to Doisy College of Health Science. Beginning Fall 2022, the Doisy College of Health Sciences will take on administrative oversight for the Health Sciences concentration and overall program.

No discussion by the committee. The committee received the notification of the department move.

## **New Business**

- University Registrar Jay Haugen announced the Provost and the Deans had approved another temporary extension of the withdrawal deadline for Spring 2022. Dr. Wood asked that committee members survey their department for feedback on this topic.
- University Registrar Jay Haugen discussed the concerns over the add/drop period for the Fall and when the semester starts on a Wednesday. Some of the concerns raised are that students do not have a full two weeks for the add/drop period. There was a lot of discussion on the pros and cons on the topic, with feedback strongly encouraged.

## **Announcements/Issues**

The GAAC adjourned the meeting.

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Dr. Robert Wood  
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs