GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2019

PRESENT: Jennifer Betters-Bubon, Rachel Bucheger, Xueqing Chen, Kristen Curran, Abbie Daly, Corey Davis, Courtney DeVries, Lynn Gilbertson, Max Hsu, Christine Neddenriep, Praveen Parboteeah, SangHee Park, Arjan Premti, Denise Roseland, Whitney Sherret, Joanna Stradusky, Shannon Stuart, John Zbikowski, and Jiazhen Zhou.

ABSENT: Sarah Hessenauer, and Balaji Sankaranarayanan, John Smith, and Donna Vosburgh.

GUESTS: Laura Montez and Paul Ambrose

\*Previously notified.

The September 5, 2019, meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m. by Interim Associate Provost Joan Littlefield Cook. Lynn Gilbertson moved, with a second by Denise Roseland, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019, meeting. John Zbikowski noted one correction to the minutes, (curriculum change to EDUINDP 789 did not include a grade basis change) and then the motion carried.

**Announcements**

1. Ozalle Toms will attend a future Graduate Council meeting to discuss the UW System Symposium on April 24, 2020. UW-Whitewater will be hosting the event.
2. The most recent (September 1) FTE report indicates graduate enrollment is up from last year.
3. Joan indicated that there are a number of new or revised graduate programs on the horizon, e.g., the ABT degree starting in spring 2020, the HELEAD degree starting in fall 2020, the revised Communication program for fall 2020. There are also NOI for a cybersecurity interdisciplinary program, Instructional Design and Learning Technology program, and MS-Business Analytics program.

**Business Items**

Corey Davis moved, with a second by John Zbikowski, to approve the lone curricular item on the agenda. With no questions or concerns, the motion carried.

* 1. Curricular Action: New Course from the Department of Chemistry:

[CHEM 615](https://uww-next.courseleaf.com/courseleaf/courseleaf.cgi?page=/courseadmin/6206/index.html&step=tcadiff): Chemical Reactivity

Next, Sarah Hessenauer self-nominated herself as the Graduate Council representative to serve a two-year term on the Diversity Curriculum Committee (non-voting member). The nomination was unanimously approved on a Sarah Hessenauer/Kris Curran motion.

Other Items

Matt Vick prepared a Graduate Council Orientation document, which he distributed to the council members. This document overviewed the history of the council, listed the graduate faculty membership levels, described the role of the Graduate Council, and also included the graduate curriculum flowchart and consultation process.

Finally, Paul Ambrose presented the latest trends in graduate education. He indicated that, while Whitewater’s MBA program is growing, the national trend is declining. He discussed micro master’s programs as well as nano programs, which some universities are currently offering. Graduate programs must offer curriculum and must meet student needs.

Corey Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Praveen Parboteeah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lange

Secretary