

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2021

**PRESENT:** Corey Davis, SangHee Park, Praveen Parboteeah, Alana Platt, Arjan Premti, Max Hsu, Abbie Daly, John Smith, Russ Kashian, Lynn Gilbertson, Beth King, Karla Saeger, Courtney Luedke, Lucy Heimer, Shannon Stuart, Lopamudra Mukherjee, Christine Neddenriep, Sarah Hessenauer, Jennifer Betters-Bubon, Liv Russo

**ABSENT:** Shannon Monson, \*Jiazhen Zhou (Sabbatical), Courtney DeVries, \*Xueqing Chen (Sabbatical), Donna Vosburgh, Joanna Stradusky, Denise Roseland, Kris Curran, Joan Littlefield Cook

**GUESTS:** Abbie Windsor, Carol Elsen, Paul Ambrose, Amy Stevens

**PRESIDER:** Matthew Vick

\*Previously notified.

The April 1, 2021 meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m. by Interim Assistant Dean, Matthew Vick

- I. Approval of Minutes from the March 4, 2021 Meeting: Abbie Daly made a motion to approve the March 4<sup>th</sup> minutes. Courtney Luedke seconded that motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- II. Announcements
  - A. Dates when we're planning to have Dean candidates "in" for interviews (virtual) are May 3, maybe May 4, and May 5. There will be a session planned for Grad Council to meet with the candidates (probably 3 to 4, depending on the pool).
  - B. Graduation: Matt and Joan will be at standard graduation ceremony. If programs have individual ceremonies, make sure they are approved.
  - C. Graduate Teaching Award: Teaching award will be presented to Cody Busch during the May council meeting.
  - D. New procedure for transcript holds: This will become an automated process allowing students one full term to enroll in classes before the hold is placed on their account until their official transcript is received. This should be in place within the next month.
  - E. Certificate Processing Changes: We are working towards adopting the same process for processing certificate applications as we use for graduation applications in Image Now. The process should be in place within the next month.

### III. Business Items

#### A. College of Education and Professional Studies

Courtney Luedke made a motion to approve items A1-A2. Corey Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Curricular Action: New Course Proposal: [SPECED 750](#) : NEUROLOGY OF DYSLEXIA & LANGUAGE BASED LEARNING DISABILITIES
2. Curricular Action: New Program Proposal: [DYSLEXIA AND LANGUAGE BASED LEARNING DISABILITIES CERTIFICATE](#)

### IV. Discussion

Probation Check Procedures: There was discussion on the possibility of considering a change from our current probation policy of once a student's cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 that they are placed on probation and have 12 credits to raise their GPA above the 3.0.

As a reminder, this is currently a manual process that does involve a fair amount of time.

A possibility would be to switch to "term based" probation. The scenario discussed in Grad Council was

- (1) Student GPA falls below 3.0 so WINS places them on a warning for the next term
- (2) Student GPA remains below 3.0, so WINS places them on a severe warning
- (3) Student GPA remains below 3.0, so WINS places them on probation
- (4) Student GPA remains below 3.0, so the student is academically dismissed.

This would be completely automated.

However, we did have the following scenario then mentioned:

- (1) Student takes 9 credits and is below 3.0, put on warning
- (2) Student takes another 9 credits, is still below 3.0 and is on a severe warning (18 credits total)
- (3) Student takes another 9 credits, is still below 3.0 is on probation (27 credits total)
- (4) Student takes final credits toward degree and either cannot graduate because GPA is below 3.0 OR they are academically dismissed after paying for 27 credits.

Max Hsu made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Alana Platt. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Peterson  
Secretary