

UNL Graduate Council
September 2, 2021
2: 30 p.m.
Via zoom

Present: Jennifer Clarke, Andrew Donesky, Geoff Friesen, Adam Houston, Laurie Lee, Xu Li, Laura Munoz, Eric Rodene, Brenda Wristen. Absent: Kara Viesca. Dean Debra Hope conducted the meeting.

Dr. Hope welcomed the new members with introductions following.

Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2021

Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Graduate Certificate in Strategic Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The Council discussed the proposal and raised the following concerns:

1. Clarify if a minimum GPA is required for admission.
2. Clarify who can pursue the certificate. Is it for MBA students only? There is conflicting information in the document as the check box on the front page indicates non-degree seeking students will be offered the certificate.
3. The Council felt the justification (Evidence of Need and Demand) should be further developed. For example, the lack of such programs could indicate a lack of interest or demand. This may include some discussion of the information in the table that is provided.
4. All courses should be prescribed for completion of a certificate. The statement about additional electives may be assigned should be removed.
5. There is some inconsistency in the document for the two required courses – the Table lists GRBA853 as an elective.
6. In order to better understand viability, the Council requests that the Adequacy of Resources include a discussion of the frequency of the course offerings.
7. CVs are needed for all faculty who will be teaching courses in the certificate.

Motion was made that the proposal be returned to the department for revisions and be brought back to the Council. Motion passed.

Graduate Certificate in Construction Safety and Health Management

The Council discussed the proposal and raised the following concerns.

1. The use of CollegeNET for admission is an Office of Graduate Study requirement and should be moved up to that list.
2. To clarify courses that need additional permission for the certificate, separate out CNST890 and CNST898 in the table of courses. Clarify how these courses are different from the others that also seem to require permission.
3. Remove the word “Full” from the description of advisors under “Completion of Requirements” as this is not an official title.
4. Include CVs for all faculty who will be teaching in the program.

Motion was made to approve with minor updates with Dean approval of revised version. Motion passed.

General Discussion of Program Approval Process

There was a discussion regarding the inclusion of CVs for graduate certificate proposals. The Dean & Eva will clarify what is required and report back at a subsequent meeting.

Graduate Student Assembly Report

The first assembly will be in two weeks. They are finalizing the list of representatives for each department and meeting arrangements (zoom vs in-person/hybrid). Tonight the GSA is holding a welcome back event at Qdoba. GSA normally meets the first Tuesday of every month.

Concerns were raised about graduate students access to campus if they need to have a COVID test from the UNL system. Can we have students provide proof of negative test from elsewhere to use for access? This becomes an issue when students are not located in Lincoln/on campus and need short-term access.

There was also discussion on the lack of an explicit written policy on building access. This is being raised in the Faculty Senate.

Announcements

None

Meeting adjourned: 4:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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