

UNL Graduate Council

May 4, 2023
2: 30 p.m.
Via zoom

Attendance: Geoff Friesen, Adam Houston, Venn Jemkur, Xu Li, Maria Marron, Katie Mowat, Laura Munoz, Elizabeth Niehaus, and Brenda Wristen. Dean Hope Presiding. Janet Near, Associate Dean of Faculty and Research, College of Business as guest.

1. Approval of Minutes from April 2023 Meeting- Motion to approve, seconded, unanimously approved.

2. Ph.D. Business CIP code - Janet Near, Associate Dean of Faculty & Research, College of Business spoke regarding the college's need for the CIP Code change from 52.999 to 52.1301. According to the Proposal and Dr. Near - The field of business and the curriculum for PhD programs in business have changed drastically since the UNL PhD program was initiated and the original CIP code was assigned. The field has become highly quantitative and data-driven, and requires rigorous statistical, analytical, and modeling methods that use large-scale, complex data sets to study real-world business problems, which is more accurately reflected in the CIP code of 52.1301, Management Science. All five of the specializations focus on the application of statistical modeling to the analysis of problems of business organization and performance, including programming and forecasting, albeit with different methods. Instruction for all students focuses on stochastic and dynamic modeling, at a minimum. In response to questions from the Graduate Council members, Dr. Near indicated that there would be no impact on how data are reported, no other program has the proposed code, and it would not impact the College of Business Master's programs. Dr. Near was excused. Following a brief further discussion, a motion to approve the CIP code change was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Accelerated Master's Proposal from the College of Engineering- A group of 5 related Accelerated Master's proposals were considered from the College of Engineering. Although the programs are related, they are being separated out to allow the Office of the Registrar to link to specific undergraduate majors for degree audit and other purposes. All 5 proposals were approved: Computer Engineering to Computer Science, Computer Science to Computer Science (Computer Engineering specialization) , Computer Engineering to Computer Science (Computer Engineering specialization) , Software Engineering to Computer Science, and Software Engineering to Computer Science (Computer Engineering specialization). Motion was made to approve all 5 proposals, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Graduate Council discussed whether they needed to approve Accelerated Master's proposals going forward given that the undergraduate and graduate degrees are well established and this is a linking of the two administratively. They felt that they had approved the general requirements for the Accelerated Master's and would only need to see any that fell outside of those guidelines. Given the consensus on the Council, Dean Hope indicated that she would not bring future proposals to the Council unless an exception to the usual guidelines was requested.

4. Accelerated Masters CYAF- This accelerated master's is a BS in Child, Youth and Family with Human Development emphasis and Family Science to MS Child, Youth and Family Studies. Discussion revolved around whether students would be going to a doctoral program immediately, how advising will be handled and crosslisting 400/800 courses. It was noted for accelerated master's programs that students who take graduate credit to count for undergraduate courses may end up paying more if they do not then complete the master's. Dean Hope agreed that this discussion should be part of the implementation for

departments as these are approved and is not specific to this proposal. A motion was made to approve, seconded, unanimously approved.

5. Degree Deletion MS Veterinary Science- This is a proposal to delete the MS in Veterinary Science. It has had very few students and the smaller number can be accommodated as a specialization in the Masters of Applied Science that will be developed. There are 7 students left in this program and there is a plan to teach them out. It was suggested that it might make sense to submit this proposal once the new specialization was developed given the need for veterinary services in the state. A motion was made to approve the proposal with the recommendation to submit the specialization proposal as soon as possible. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

6. Modifications to Medical Family Therapy Certificate- This certificate was a partnership between the UNL Marriage and Family Therapy master's program and the School of Medicine. The School of Medicine no longer has the faculty to teach the courses and, because of how enrollments were being handled, did not perceive it to have any students. The UNL program indicates that this certificate is highly attractive to their students and central to their training. They have developed the same courses at UNL and plan to offer the certificate. Discussion centered around the risks and benefits of relying on adjunct faculty for the certificate, some of which are particular to the professional training involved in the certificate. The program will be open to appropriately prepared students in other programs and will be easier for them to pursue if it is offered in Lincoln rather than at UNMC. There was discussion about the revenue and expenses and concern it will be small, enrolling 4-8 students per year. Given potential for the program to grow and need for mental health providers, there was a motion to approved, seconded and vote was unanimous.

7. Discussion of Course Proposals-

No course proposals to discuss at this time.

8. Discussion of defining 800 vs 900 courses- Motion to Table until Jennifer Clarke is in attendance, seconded, and approved by those in attendance.

9. Graduate Student Assembly Report- Katie Mowat announced their first meeting will be in September.

10. Announcements-

Dean Hope made announcements about graduation numbers, hiring for OGS Associate Dean, and upcoming Graduate Council elections.

Meeting Adjourned 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cordonier