

UNL Graduate Council Agenda  
November 7, 2024  
Location: Zoom  
2:30 p.m.

**Attending:** Souparno Ghosh, Dai Shizuka, Rochelle Dalla, Tom Kubick, Xu Li, Maria Marron, Elizabeth Niehaus, Brenda Wristen, Venn Jemkur, and Alejandra Vasquez. Dean Hope presiding. Eva Bachman and Jason Carmichael.

1. **Approval of minutes from October 3, 2024 meeting.** Motion was made to approve minutes, seconded, and approved. One member abstained due to absence from the October meeting.
2. **Report on email vote taken on proposal for new online MS in Artificial Intelligence.** This proposal was expedited to meet an APC agenda deadline. The vote was unanimous to approve the proposal with one abstention due to inability to participate.
3. **Proposal for new expedited Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence.** Dean Hope provided a brief overview of the certificate, and introduced Professor Witty Srisa-an, who submitted the proposal. Professor Srisa-an joined the meeting briefly to provide information about the certificate proposal and answer questions. Discussion followed which further clarified the intended audience, the availability to current students, the need for prerequisites, projected revenues, and non-resident recruitment. Motion made to approve the proposal, seconded, and unanimously approved.
4. **No curriculum discussions needed.**
5. **Graduate Student Assembly Report.** President Jemkur reported on GSA's meeting with Associate Vice Chancellor Overocker to understand how graduate student fees are allocated to determine if changes can be made to reduce fees. President Jemkur has also been meeting with other NU-system GSA presidents to discuss respective campus activities and prepare for graduate student appreciation week. GSA also continues to make progress on their research award proposal.
6. **Announcements:**
  - a. Dean Hope provided an update on the implementation of the new graduate admission system.
  - b. Update on OGS staffing: Final interviews are finished for Operations Manager and an offer should be made soon.
  - c. Timeline for Graduate Council composition changes – a document that summarizes proposed changes will be forthcoming. Needed in time for consideration at system level and spring vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Carmichael