

UNL Graduate Council Agenda
December 5, 2024
Location: Zoom
2:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Tom Kubick, Maria Marron

1. **Approval of minutes from November 7, 2024 meeting:** Motion to approve minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved.
2. **Proposal for Expedited Graduate Certificate in Leadership for P20 Educational Improvement:** Dean Hope provided an overview of proposal. Discussion included clarity of the name, relationship of the courses to the graduate certificate name, and audience for the proposed certificate. Prof. Niehaus spoke on behalf of the graduate program. Motion to approve, seconded and unanimously approved. Prof. Niehaus abstained.
3. **Proposal for Dual MA-PhD in Philosophy:** Dean Hope provided an explanation of the reason for setting up dual degrees and an overview of the proposals. Motion to approve, seconded and unanimously approved.
4. **Proposal for Dual MS-PhD in Chemical Engineering:** Motion to approve, seconded and unanimously approved.
5. **Discussion of Revisions to the Graduate Council composition:** Dean Hope proposed changes based on the Graduate Council's prior conversation on the topic. The pros and cons of the proposal were discussed. Revisions were tabled until the next meeting.
6. **Curriculum Discussion:** There are ten courses in the queue. Four of the courses are music courses which are all intertwined/related, so all four have been assigned to the same two people.
7. **Graduate Student Assembly Report:** President Jemkur reported. GSA sent out a survey asking for feedback on recently hosted events. GSA also met with the UNL Chancellor, and they agreed to meet again on a more consistent basis.
8. **Announcements:**
 - a. OGS Staffing: OGS has officially hired a new Operations Manager and currently is hiring an Assistant Director of Graduate and Professional Student Experience.
 - b. Graduate Admissions: Application numbers look good so far.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Carmichael