

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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January 31, 2023

Members Present: M. López (Chair), J. Goto (ex officio), M. Crawford, A. Hoskins, D. Lent,  
E. Parrilla, B. Sethuramasamyraja, R. Sias

Members Excused: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on by Chair M. López

- A. Minutes: Approve of Minutes of October 4, 2022 -- tabled
- B. Agenda: MSC to approve agenda for January 31, 2023
- C. Communications and announcements
  - A. J. Goto shared blended program guidance.
  - B. Call for President's Graduate Medal will be made soon.
    - 1. Due March 15<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. UGC will review with the committee consisting of M. Lopez, J. Goto, and two additional members.
  - C. Meetings
    - 1. Future committee meetings will be hybrid, on an as-needed basis.
    - 2. All committee members should reserve the time block each week.
  - D. Item routing
    - 1. Currently, Onbase routes all documents through the Graduate Curriculum subcommittee.
    - 2. Unclear if subcommittee is voting on topics outside of their purview.
    - 3. UGC only receives documentation through manual process.
    - 4. The system will be changed soon, so UGC will be added in new system.

IV. Masters of Public Health Catalog Revision Request

- A. Hoskins asked for clarification on the culminating experience.
  - 1. A new 297 course created for students completing comprehensive exams.
  - 2. Students can still choose to complete either Project or Thesis.
- B. Additional changes

1. The program was previously a three-year part-time program and will now be a two-year full-time program.
2. The GRE requirement is being removed.
3. The program-specific GPA requirement is being removed.

C. Concerns

1. M. Lopez brought to the attention of the committee the fact that, in the sum of units, all culminating experience options are individually listed. This could potentially cause confusion for students. Recommendation was to have a single line that had all three options listed with “or” separation.

D. MSC to approve Masters of Public Health Catalog Revision Request.

V. Suspension of Dietetics Certificate of Advanced Studies

- A. The proposal is one of a group of proposals.
- B. The program will become part of the Master’s Program
- C. The current CAS does not meet current accreditation guidelines.
- D. Change is in line with other CSU programs.
- E. MSC to approve suspension of Dietetics Certificate of Advanced Studies

VI. Program Change of Psych Nurse Practitioner CAS

- A. D. Lent discussed that the change was more than a one-unit course increase.
  1. Modality change is also being implemented.
  2. The proposed course change did go through committee for both becoming an online course and the change in content.
  3. M. Crawford mentioned that the change is potentially due to a national shortage of placement opportunities.
  4. D. Lent requested confirmation that the change of modality is acceptable to the accrediting body.
- B. M. Lopez noted grammatical errors in the proposed catalog course descriptions that need to be fixed prior to publication.
- C. MSC to approve Program Change of Psych Nurse Practitioner CAS pending confirmation that the change of modality of NURS247 meets accreditation standards.

MSC: Adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Graduate Committee will be on March 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda for March 7, 2023

- I. Approval of minutes from January 31, 2023
- II. Approval of agenda for March 7, 2023
- III. Communications and Announcements
  - A. Terms ending
  - B. APM 220 - Program Review
  - C. Upcoming items
    1. Interdisciplinary Studies application format
    2. Conversion from in-person to complete online graduate program
- IV. APM 221 - Policy and Procedures for Blended (4+1) programs