

Graduate Studies Council - GSC
Agenda
11/3/2021

Roll Call: Alex Garlick (chair), Mary Ann Dugan (vice-chair, taking minutes), Tim Clydesdale, Lauren Foxworth, Mark Woodford, Kathryn Jervis, Ellen Farr, and student members Cassidy Carr and Yaffa Kornsgold

Approved Minutes from October 6, 2021 meeting unanimously

New Business

Follow up on Department of Special Education, Language & Literacy proposal for standalone certificates. David Bwire (DB) joined virtually.

- DB offered an explanation of the motivation and value of this proposed program, noting it could increase enrollments and create “stackable certificates” for an eventual masters degree
- TC asked about the number of courses required for these proposed certificates, as 4-6 may be the target, with 4 being rare
- TC requested data (that school districts asking for this) and gave example of bump up in salary at 15 credits
- KJ asked if these students would be given the choice for stackable certificate and masters and about the themes for these certificates
- EF asked if the certificate students and masters students would be in the same courses or would the certificate students have their own course

Review the iSTEM Certificate Proposal ([link](#))

- TC introduced this proposal on behalf of iSTEM, noting it is not a new proposal, as it had been approved as a 6 course certificate/but never went through implementation with records/registration
- AG raised question about starting in spring vs fall and TC seemed to think that was okay
- AG will send note about when students starting/MW suggested asking if there is a sequence

Revisit the Certificate Proposal Policy ([link](#)) (last revised July 5, 2016)

- Certificate Proposal (2016) and Masters Proposal (2018) – AG thought should be reviewed every 5 years
- AG suggestions for revision process: Time line, potential changes, standardizing the number of courses/credits required, GSC approval
- LF suggested clarifying process for submitting a proposal
- TC suggested different tone towards graduate that is more positive
- AG will send a note to chair of CAP to let them know we are looking at it
- TC we may need to fit this with whatever CAP is reviewing
- AG/MD suggest some standardization for number of courses/credits

- TC thinks 12-18 credits would be a good range/12 credits being the exception
- EF asked about elective as part of the certificate
- There was discussion about how some programs need to meet minimum credits established by outside governing bodies that may be outside the typical range
- There was discussion on the value of a culminating experience

Upcoming meetings:

- TC reports there is a *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion* certificate, *Organizational leadership* certificate, *Public Policy* certificate coming down the pipeline
- TC shared marketing materials related to graduate programs

Next meeting Weds Dec 1 (last for fall semester)

Meeting adjourned 2:30 pm