

Graduate Studies Council - GSC
Meeting Minutes
2/2/2022

Roll Call: Ellen Farr, Mary Ann Dugan (interim chair), Michael Ellard, Lauren Foxworth (interim vice chair), Tim Clydesdale, Kathryn Jervis, Yaffa Kornsgold, Mark Woodford

- Linda Mayger (School of Ed representative)
- Excused: Alex Garlick (leave)

Minutes approved from 12/1/22

New Business

- Linda Mayger discussed the Educational Leadership Certificate Proposal with the council.
 - LM explained the 5-course certificate for early career teachers interested in Ed Leadership. Courses can count toward a Master's degree
 - Committee members expressed support for the certificate:
 - Could have a positive impact on future principal Master's program enrollment.
- LM discussed Consolidated Master's Degree in Education Proposal.
 - Council asked if any new courses are part of the program.
 - 1 new course- culminating experience
 - 2 committee members asked: What is the Master's of Education in, specifically? How specific does the MED need to be?
 - LM stated no additional core faculty needed to run the program.
 - Council felt "consolidated" might be replaced with more applicant-friendly language.
- TC and ME discussed new Graduate Assistantship process with the council.
 - Graduate studies has been working to create flexibility and transparency in graduate assistance process.
 - Hands-on experience is at the center of the GA program
 - Faculty needed to assist with review process
 - New process may result in more GA positions
- ME requested council to review language in bulletin around graduate program completion timeframe of 6 years.

Program Completion

Students have six years from the time of matriculation to complete a graduate program. Petitions for an extension will be considered by the dean of the student's academic school on merit.

- ME requested we add language to allow flexibility.
- Draft wording for next meeting.
- T.C. requested we consider possible holes in policies that should govern graduate students or graduate programs
 - Council discussed: Should we request Steering to charge us to review policies?
- CAP sent formal charges to review and gather feedback from stakeholders for the following policies:
 - [Graduate Comprehensive Exams and other Culminating Experiences](#)
 - [Graduate Non-Enrollment](#)
 - The council agreed to continue to edit the policies using a Google Document over the next 2 weeks.
 - MD will then send the policies and suggested revisions to program coordinators. The council will then send to deans to continue to gather feedback for CAP.