

**Graduate Studies Council - GSC**  
**Minutes**  
**12/6/23 from 1:30-2:50 pm**  
**Location Trenton 201**

Members present: M. Dugan, Lauren Foxworth (Chair), S. McCotter, E. Farr, D. Bowen (Vice Chair), T. Dieterich, H. Balmos, L. Tragale

Not present: M. Ellard, A. Winfield-Summiel, J. Duan

Reviewed 11/1/23 Minutes – D. Bowen motions to approve, M. Dugan seconded, all in favor

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- a. Discuss [History Graduate Certificate Proposal](#)
  - i. Dr. Michael Marino present to answer questions about the proposal:
    - ❖ Confirmed courses have not been created yet but in progress
    - ❖ Students may complete an interdisciplinary capstone in other areas
    - ❖ Appears as possible 18 credits on page 3 – consider rewording
    - ❖ Research shows – students prefer to be as flexible as possible – suggest combination of synchronous/asynchronous
    - ❖ Some students may have concern for time flexibility – suggests some asynchronous
    - ❖ Suggest online to draw wider net of possible students
    - ❖ Sequencing will be based on interest/plans couple of classes offered to see how it goes
    - ❖ Have some UG who are interested in grad courses
    - ❖ Order of courses can be flexible – student members shared this has been helpful in their programs
    - ❖ Discussed recruitment plan –
      1. Existing student body interest
      2. Some TCNJ who want graduate school
      3. Alumni and others draw more widely
      4. Practicing teachers
      5. Elementary ed who want middle school endorsements in social studies

GSC discussed:

- ❖ Need for cohesive goal for the certificate/suggest listing a general purpose
- ❖ Consider highlighting MPS as a population

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[Graduate Student Full-time Definition Policy](#)

a. Review [charge](#)

- ❖ Reducing to 6 credits may make it more accessible to those who could not take 3-4 courses at one time.
- ❖ If there are scholarships from private organizations, they would need to be FT to be eligible.
- ❖ Will verify impact for international students
- ❖ Accelerated courses - could be taking 4 courses – so then you would be doubling the amount needed
- ❖ Most GSC suggest 9 for FT
- ❖ Students taking 5 or more credits can get financial aid - Discussed consider consulting with student affairs *OR* put in a statement that this is an academic definition and decisions about student affairs will be made by appropriate departments (i.e. housing and residential life)
- ❖ There will be an expansion of continuing education that may include graduate classes, degree completion, or summer pre-college classes – these will all be part of the continuing education enterprise.
- ❖ We recommend a policy that defines continuing education because we identified as a gap, but not appropriate to include here (deleted from red-lined)

Dean's Report- Dean McCotter

School of Continuing Graduate Education which will include Graduate Education

Upcoming Board meeting to approve the MPS

Next Extra Meeting Dec 20