

2019—2020

## Graduate Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

12:55 p.m., Weimer 2008

**I. Call to order**

Kelleher called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes from November 21, 2019**

Minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Spring calendar events**

Kelleher reviewed the upcoming events for spring 2020 which include reviewing Ph.D. applications, Ph.D. visitation, GSMCA events, etc.

**IV. Course proposals—6936s proposed for conversion to permanent courses**

The committee reviewed the Health and Science courses—

- Advanced Qualitative Methods: Narrative Health Methods & Analyses
- Translational Communication Science
- Communication in Healthcare
- Family Communication and Health Across the Lifespan
- Interpersonal Health Communication Theory

MOTION was made by DiStaso to take the five courses to the graduate faculty for approval and ask Weigold to attend the next graduate committee meeting to answer questions about his Experiments in Comm Research syllabus. Seconded by Ostroff and approved unanimously.

Spiker suggested that going forward, the graduate committee ~~should~~ could serve as proxy for the graduate faculty to approve course changes for efficiency and timeliness. General consensus was to have all graduate faculty review and approve.

**V. Task force to review master's tracks/requirements**

There is a task force made up of graduate coordinators and Kelleher which will review the current degree plans and suggest changes to the current arrangement.

Fisher mentioned that in her meeting with Dr. Duncan, he said the certificate needs a coordinator. She asked how that person gets chosen. Kelleher

suggested waiting until the task force completes its finding before determining if a new coordinator is needed or if it will fall under Science Health.

**VI. Other business**

- Fisher was invited to review admission files for doctoral students.
- The new certificate is research-oriented and is for both master's and doctoral students.
- McNealy suggested law students would be interested in the certificate.
- Ferguson asked how many classes were cancelled. Three were three cancelled due to low enrollment.
- It was suggested we add the pre-req to all classes that student must be a "7" or above to register for classes.
- McNealy suggested we prepare our students better for going into industry. Maybe part of colloquium or leadership talks. They need to be prepared for more than academia.
- Highlight on the web site that PHD can lead to professional work, not just academic.

**VII. Adjourn**

Kelleher adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Attending: Kelleher, Ferguson, DiStaso, Spiker, Goodman, McNealy, Chen, Ostroff, Wollney (student rep), Fisher, and Hedge.