

Graduate Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 29, 2020

1:55 p.m. Online Meeting:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/94151067384?pwd=S0JkTGpMQlFpc05LTGRDRnBqS0tIZz09>

I. Call to order

Kelleher called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from 10-15-20

Ostroff moved to approve the minutes from 10-15-20, Rodgers seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Curriculum

The first group of academic approvals for new course numbers have been approved at the university level. There are currently five courses pending revisions before they will be approved.

A course name change for MMC 6660 will be taken to the next graduate faculty meeting for approval before sending it to the academic approval system.

Kelleher, Calienes, and Kropp met to discuss the master's program. It was suggested we have one master's for all and create concentrations to distinguish what's being studied. Online has eight areas that may be proposed for official concentrations.

Kelleher will meet with UF Graduate School reps to prepare to plan for curriculum changes, including proposals for new concentrations.

Challenges:

What do we call the Research and Theory area?

Possibly have a research concentration.

What about AEJMC and PRSSA accreditations?

They accredit professional programs. DiStaso will review the requirements for PRSSA.

Some of the benefits of being accredited include quality control, leverage from the outside regarding class size, some students use it as a basis for applying to a program.

Kelleher shared a table with requirements that should be included in each concentration. It was suggested that the coordinators could put together the plans for each concentration following the upcoming meeting with the graduate school.

IV. Other business

Dr. Duncan wants all colleges to make a permanent decision regarding requirement of the GRE for doctoral programs. The GRE is currently being waived through fall 2021 admissions for master's and Ph.D. Kelleher wants to reopen the discussion for the master's level as well as Ph.D. This will be an item for the December graduate faculty meeting.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

ATTENDING: Kelleher, Calienes, Chen, Coche, DiStaso, Ferguson, Fisher, Goodman, Kropp, McNealy, Ostroff, Rodgers, Spiker, Te, Treise, and Hedge