

Graduate Council Minutes

September 9, 2019

3:00 – 5:00 PM

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Approved via email vote on September 10, 2019

Chair: Geoff Smith

Present: Travis Ficklin, Lish Harris, Mark Jeffreys, Kristy Grayson, Geoff Smith, Elizabeth Stich, (Pamela Cantrell, Misti Pierce, -ex officio)

Absent: (Andrea Brown, Shantelle Owens, Darlene Dilley-ex officio)

Secretary: April Ficklin

A=Add, C=Change, D=Discontinue, F=Fee, GF=Graduate Faculty Designation

INFORMATION ITEMS	A, C, D, F, GF			DISCUSSION
Geoff Smith				
a. Review tasks/policy/staff for Graduate Council in the upcoming year.				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy: Academic Standing: Julie Stender sent an email about not having Academic Standing for graduate students in policy.• Graduate Policies 702, 703, 704 are 2 years old. Items that need addressing include, Chair rotation for the Graduate Council, membership from Graduate programs on the Graduate Council still recognizing equal representation, representation from the Graduate Student Body. The President of DSUSA has asked for names of grad students to serve on committees.• Decision to divide into committees to look at policies and report at the next Graduate Council meeting:

				702 Travis Ficklin and Lish Harris, 703 Mark Jeffreys and Elizabeth Stich (includes Academic Standing), 704 Kristy Grayson and Geoff Smith.
b. Graduate Student Handbook				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate Council should be a guidance role in development of the handbook and are too removed from the situation to author. Authorship should be sought from graduate students and program directors. Graduate Council will discuss a suggested Table of Contents for the next meeting supplied by Geoff Smith.
c. Doctorate of Occupation Therapy/Clinical Doctorate Policy/Consultant				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSU will be developing a Clinical Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. DSU is planning to hire 2 consultants: 1 to develop the program and write the proposal. 2 to consult development of policies. Recommend that the consultant be prepared to see program through including post program implementation changes. Hire the Director of the program now where workload builds the program and creates policy.
ACTION ITEMS		MOTIONS	VOTE RESULTS	ACTION/DISCUSSION
Recommend direction of hire for the Doctorate of Occupational Therapy/Clinical Doctorate Policy Consultant		M: Lish Harris S: Mark Jeffreys Motion: Hire the Director of the Program/faculty member to build program and consult.	Unanimous, approved	Submit a formal letter from the Graduate Council to the Provost recommending this hire rather than two short-term consultants.
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d. Discussion of Graduate Faculty status				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the original meeting when the MAcc proposal was submitted, Lish Harris, Travis Ficklin and Jared Dupree attended, Nate Staheli had indicated that the Master's degree with a CPA is considered a terminal degree, but a Ph.D. or DBA of Accounting are terminal degree offerings in the field of Accounting. • Graduate Council (GC) has two options to consider: 1. No never again policy has been written or 2. GC can develop a new graduate faculty status for Professional/Clinical faculty. • Clinical or professional faculty status needs to apply to other programs not just this circumstance. • Assert policy: current policy states not a terminal degree. • Perpetuate a culture of graduate studies. What are the qualities that establish a quality graduate faculty? • Special consideration for professional status should be considered where DSU is mostly offering professional master's degree, and programs may be limited by financial considerations. • If there is an outside accreditor that allows for different standards, DSU allows for professional/clinical standards based on proof of meeting external standards.
DISCUSSION ITEMS				ACTION/DISCUSSION
Graduate Faculty Status: Nate Staheli	GF			Nate Staheli presented on behalf of 2 potential Graduate Faculty members for the MAcc program to be able to teach Graduate level courses. MAcc was the first Graduate Program here at DSU and is now 1 year into the program having graduated 17 in the Spring. Request based on Policy 702 4.5.1.5 On rare occasions, a faculty member with a long-standing record of exemplary scholarly and/or artistic accomplishments with a subsequent lapse may be granted Graduate Faculty status at the appropriate level. Nate further requested that this exception to policy be based on the need for

				<p>professional experience and industry knowledge as allowed for by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) which the MAcc program at DSU will seek accreditation through. The AACSB allows for Instructional Practitioners to teach Graduate courses. Request to approve for Steven Day for one 3 credit class: Advanced Individual Taxation. Another faculty be able to teach one course for 3 credits: Auditing and Attestation. The original MAcc proposal requested 2 additional faculty lines. That was reduced to 1 additional faculty line, but this line was never awarded. Other USHE institutions allow for Instructor Practitioners as identified by the Accreditation standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Council recognizes that the policy was created prior to program approval. Graduate Council would like to revisit the policy to accommodate these instructional practitioners as allowed by outside accrediting bodies. • Graduate Council does not want to mediate all the exceptions to policy for every program moving forward. • Lapse is defined as time not a lack of a credential in Policy 702 4.5.1.5. • Graduate Council expresses ethical concerns that faculty were allowed to teach that were not qualified to teach. Recourse needs to happen at the Provost's level to prevent this from happening in the future. Graduate Council requests an official letter written to Provost Lacourse to be presented at Dean's and Chairs. Lish Harris will submit a draft to Geoff Smith who will request graduate council approval.
UPCOMING EVENTS				DISCUSSION
Graduate Fair Monday, September 16, 2019				Directors of the programs have been notified.
Multi-cultural Education/International Conference				Invite director of International Students to present ideas to the Graduate Council.
Concern with need for Graduate Assistance in the Writing Center				Graduate students need to be provided tutors. Undergraduates cannot tutor graduate students.

Next Meetings Scheduled: a. October 14, 2019 b. November 11, 2019 c. December 9, 2019 d. January 13, 2020 e. February 10, 2020 f. March 9, 2020 g. April 13, 2020				
Adjourned:			Adjourned	4:58pm
ADDENDUM ITEMS		MOTIONS	VOTE RESULTS	ACTION/DISCUSSION
Email vote approved on August 14, 2019 for Graduate Faculty Status for: 1. Elizabeth Stich, Associate			Approved, unanimous	
Email vote approved on August 15, 2019 for Graduate Faculty Status for: 1. Geoff Smith, from Associate to Full status			Approved, unanimous	
Email vote approved on September 9, 2019 for Graduate Faculty Status for: 1. Kristy Grayson, Full			Approved, unanimous	