# Graduate Council Minutes

**November 13, 2020**  
**9:00 am to 10:30 am**  
**Zoom**  
**Approved via email vote on November 13, 2020**

**Chair:** Kristy Grayson  
**Present:** Kristy Grayson, Nathan Meng, Peter Neibert, Geoff Smith, Elizabeth Stich, (Pamela Cantrell, Derrick Esplin, Darlene Dilley, Joy McMurrin-ex officio)  
**Absent:** Mark Jeffreys (Christopher Guymon, Shantelle Owens, Misti Pierce, Riley Randall DSUSA VP Academics -ex officio)  
**Secretary:** April Ficklin

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

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## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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<td>Program Evaluations</td>
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<td>Wrapping up internal reviews. Positive experience to review. Overwhelming need for additional faculty. That is also echoed by the recommendation of the NWCCU.</td>
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| Discussion of Policy 706: Specifically, 4.5 Master's Committee |               | Concern that the language doesn't specifically clarify that of the 3 graduate faculty one of them has to be an outside the program graduate faculty member.  
1. 3-person committee could be graduate faculty in the same department and then one non-graduate faculty from outside of the program.  
2. 4.5.3 changed to identify that one member of the committee also has to be graduate faculty from outside the program.  
3. Qualifications for the expert outside of DSU is up to the program and committee chair. |

Peter Neibert will resubmit language for review next meeting.
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| Post-bac Certificates and/or Graduate Certificates | After last month’s discussion in brainstorming ideas, is there a framework for Post-bac certificates already available in other institutions?  
• How do we make sure that certificates are legitimate? Name courses specifically and descriptively. The institution will carry the standard.  
• Offer micro credentials—embedded in programs that allows for students to upskill. Even in the non-credit arena. Making sure that the credential has employability.  
• Pam will put together a list of links where you can look at different ideas that are available. |
| Deadlines for Graduate program changes      | Changes to programs are much simpler than new programs. They are approved at the College Curriculum Committee, then Graduate Council and then Academic Council. The deadline for Fall 2021 is the February Graduate Council meeting. |
| Next meeting scheduled on December 11th, which is also Commencement. | M: Geoff Smith  
S: Peter Neibert  
Approved, unanimous  
Motion to change the December 11th Meeting to be via email. |
| Adjourned:                                 | M: Peter Neibert  
S: Nathan Meng  
Approved, unanimous  
10.05 am |