

**University Graduate Council Minutes
February 28, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Ken Dawson Scully, GPC Chair, Science; Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, Education; Marianne Porter, Science; Arthur Sementelli, CDSI; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Clifford Brown, A&L; Ali Danesh, Education; Anita Pennathur, Business; Sabrina Sembiante, Education; Mihaela Cardei, Engineering; Dawn Froom, Library;

Others Present: Nancy Condemi, Graduate College; Brian Farrell, Graduate College; Diane Alperin, Interim Dean of the Graduate College; Christian Declé, Graduate College; Liana Smith, Graduate College; Hannah Baker, GPSA; Mark Di Corcia, Medicine; Dale Gawlik, Science; Maris Hayashi, Library;

Absent: Susan Bulfin, Nursing; Kenneth Frankel, Library; Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi, Medicine; Clarence Brooks, A&L; David Newman, Nursing; Adam Bradford, A&L; Eric Dumbaugh, CDSI;

- I. Meeting called to order Dr. Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, at 2:04 pm.
- II. Brief announcements and discussion.
- III. The minutes from the last UGC meeting on January 24, 2018 were unanimously approved.
- IV. The below curriculum proposals were reviewed:

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Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: CDSI, Nursing				
New Course	CST7912- Research Design in Social Science	A&L	3	A
Program Change	Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies	A&L	N/A	A
Program Change	PhD in Comparative Studies (1)	A&L	N/A	A
Program Change	PhD in Comparative Studies (2)	A&L	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science				
Program Change	Doctorate of Medicine	Medicine	N/A	AC
Reviewers by College: Medicine, Business				
New Course	EVS6916- Directed Independent Research in Environmental Science	Science	0-3	A
New Course	EVS6917- Fundamentals of Environmental Research	Science	1	A

New Course	OCE6908- Marine Science and Oceanography Directed Independent Research	Science	1-3	A
New Course	OCE6972- Marine Science and Oceanography Master's Research	Science	1-6	A
Program Change	Environmental Science	Science	N/A	A
Program Change	MS Marine Science and Oceanography (2)	Science	N/A	AC
Reviewers by College: A&L, CDSI				
Course Change	PET5077- Aging, Decision Making & Mobility	Education	N/A	AC
Course Change	PET4263- Obesity: Biological, Psychological, and Cultural Factors	Education	N/A	AC
Course Change	HSC4104- Stress Management	Education	N/A	AC
Course Change	HSC4143- Substance Abuse	Education	N/A	AC
Course Change	HSC4581- Health Promotion	Education	N/A	AC

Other Items to Discuss

Document Type	Title	Department	Action
Policy Proposal	Graduate International Admission Policy on 3+1 year or 3+2 year Degree	Academic Affairs/Office of the Provost	A

A: Approved, AC: Approved with changes, T: Tabled

- V. Nancy Condemi confirmed all the appropriate changes were made.
- VI. Maris Hayashi and Dawn Frood from the Library discussed what the Library Dean had presented at the last Senate meeting:
 - a. The issue of the Collections department budget remaining the same each year while inflation rises.
 - b. They ask for the Graduate Council's input and a criteria for a process to decide what to purchase and what to cut (if need-be) in order to assist the Library faculty.
 - c. UGC members agreed to support this issue.
- VII. The Interim Dean of the Graduate College, Diane Alperin, confirmed that the request for Graduate Assistants stipends and health insurance remains a priority.
- VIII. The Interim Dean also mentioned a future proposal from the College of Engineering and Computer Science.
 - a. The proposal would pertain to the PhD programs requirements- in particular Civil Engineering. Instead of requiring 80 credit hours, they would like to request less since they have noticed that students are rarely finishing their PhD program.

- b. The Graduate Council faculty members agreed to take this proposal back to their colleges for discussion.
 - c. Interim Dean Alperin and Paul Peluso came to the consensus that this will be sent out in an email as well as placed on the next GPC meeting's agenda on March 21st.
- IX.** Meeting adjourned by Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, at 3:21 p.m.

The next University Graduate Council meeting is March 28, 2018.