

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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LSU GRADUATE COUNCIL

DATE: 11/06/2019

TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 135 THOMAS BOYD HALL

## CALL TO ORDER

Gansle called the monthly meeting of the Graduate Council to order at 9:30 am.

## ATTENDANCE

MEMBER		MEMBER		MEMBER		MEMBER	
Adams	A	Gansle (co)	P	Marchand	P	Seifried	P
Aghazadeh	P	Greckhamer	A	Perry	A	Sharky	A
Cai	P	Hamilton	A	Piccoli	P	Lee (EX)	A
Francis	P	Husseneder	P	Pojman	P	Richardson (EX)	P
Frick	P	Lockridge (c)	A	Rohli	A	Wicks (EX)	P

C: Chair, Co: Co-Chair, Ex: Ex-Officio

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes from September and October meetings were unanimously approved as distributed.

## REPORTS

- Chair's Report- None
- Interim Dean's Report- None
- Academic Affairs' Report- No one from OAA attended.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **INSTRUCTIONAL HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR DEGREE**

At the request of Richardson, this item will be discussed at a later date.

### **APPROVAL TO CHANGE MEMBERSHIP ON GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Piccoli moved to approve, Pojman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **GRADUATE FACULTY STATUS FOR FACULTY WITH SPLIT APPOINTMENTS**

A suggestion to change MS or PhD in list to those degrees or equivalent so that any grad faculty can chair any grad committee. Frick moved to approve with the change, Aghazadeh seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **REVISIONS TO GRADUATE CERTIFICATE/MINOR POLICY**

It was recommended to remove last bullet point from table. Aghazadeh moved to approve with the change, Pojman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **CURRICULUM CHANGE: MS IN OCEANOGRAPHY & COASTAL SCIENCES**

Marchand moved to approve, Husseneder seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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## **CURRICULUM CHANGE: PHD IN OCEANOGRAPHY & COASTAL SCIENCES**

The PhD proposal's cover page should indicate correct number of credits and the correct degree. Marchand moved to approve, Husseneder seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **CURRICULUM CHANGE: MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Seifried moved to approve, Frick seconded, and the motion passed with two abstentions.

## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES**

Aghazadeh moved to approve, Piccoli seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY POLICY**

Frick moved to approve, Seifried seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MODELLING & ANALYSIS**

Aghazadeh moved to approve, Piccoli seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **GRADUATE COUNCIL BY-LAWS & COMMITTEES**

Pojman moved to approve, Aghazadeh seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **PS-38 REVIEW**

Frick moved to approve, Seifried seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **MS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Piccoli moved to approve, Seifried seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **PHD IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

The discussion of the PhD in Construction Management led to the following conclusions and questions:

- The Grad Council would like to see evidence of the quality of graduates from similar online programs. It is difficult for us to assure quality when we have no indicators of what that evidence would look like.
- If the reasoning behind creating this program is that we need PhDs to teach and conduct research in university settings, what evidence is there that those graduates who come from industry where they are likely to earn far more than a university professor will not go back to industry when they are finished with the PhD?
- What evidence is there for untapped demand for a PhD in Construction Management?
- What evidence is there that the addition of online PhD students to the department would increase the success of the department in securing private and federal research dollars?

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- Many of us would not be interested in hiring online PhDs in our departments, as they tend to be lower quality than on-campus trained PhDs. What evidence is there that quality universities are hiring online PhDs in faculty jobs?
- Many on Grad Council also believe that a different doctoral degree than a PhD might be appropriate for individuals completing a degree online.

Seifried moved to approve, Piccoli seconded, and the motion failed with two abstentions.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

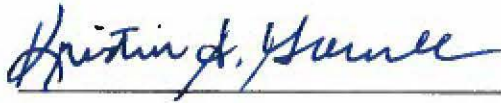
- Promotion & Tenure- no report.
- Graduate Faculty- no report.
- Awards- no report.

## **NEXT MEETING**

- Monday, December 2, 2019, 2:00 pm in the School of Music, room 105.

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Graduate Council Co-Chair

APPROVED BY:



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