

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes #1044

DATE: 26 OCT 2022

TIME: 3:00-4:17pm

PLACE: Museum Building, Graduate School Conference Room #410 and Zoom Members

Members Present: Ali Habashi, Gina Clarkson, Dave Pearson, Amir Ali, Howard Gauthier, Justin Wood, Matt Van Winkle, Liz Breuker

Chair: Adam Bradford

Ex-Officio Present: Tracy Collum

Administrator: Brian Volk

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Saryu Sharma, Maria Wong

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 3MT Final Numbers
- Book Drive ~400 books currently
- Overview of enrollment numbers and application numbers since 2018.
- Talked about GA allocation as it is revisited every 5 years.

GUESTS:

I. RATIFY ONLINE VOTING OUTCOMES AND APPROVE MINUTES FOR 10-12-22:

- Action Item: Motion to ratify online voting, aside from 1 Faculty Nomination for Geoffrey Thomas, by Matt Van Winkle, 2nd Ali Habashi, Dave Pearson abstained because he was not present during 10/12/22 Grad Council. (8y, 0n, 1a)

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. MBA COB PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CHANGE. Adam Bradford expressed concern with the use of the word “equivalent” as it will cause confusion between undergraduate and graduate. Adam Bradford advised that Kristine will need to change language of equivalent, before it is scribed. Justin Wood spoke on proposal, mentioning that lots of students from other background, besides business, will apply for the MBA program. Many students applying for MBA are non-business UG students. Some of those students do not have the foundational knowledge that is needed for MBA 2 core classes. Core 1 is designed so that if they had coursework as UG for MBA, then they do not have to take some of the Core 1 class that get the non-business students ready for core 2. Finance 3315 is one of the UG class that provides foundation for MBA finance. Core 1 is essentially PREQ, does not count towards MBA, but is needed to complete Core 2.
 - Action Item: Motion to approve, with stipulation of “equivalent” language change by Ali Habashi, 2nd Dave Van Winkle, Unanimous (9y, 0n, 0a)

2. MGT 5585 COB NEW COURSE PROPOSAL. Justin Wood Spoke on proposal, as there were concerns of the course being repeatable. Justin Wood described the course as a project, that spans over 16 weeks. Each semester students work on a different topic, which would prevent students from taking advantage of it being repeatable. Amir Ali discussed course. Justin spoke on course further.
 - Action Item: Motion to Approve by Justin Woods, 2nd Gina Clarkson, unanimous. (9y, 0n, 0a)
3. DHS 5515 COH NEW COURSE PROPOSAL –
 - Action Item: Motion to Approve by Ali Habashi, 2nd Liz Breuker, Unanimous (9y, 0n, 0a)
4. DHS 5516 COH NEW COURSE PROPOSAL
 - Action Item: Motion to Approve by Ali Habashi, 2nd Liz Breuker, Unanimous (9y, 0n, 0a)
5. KDHS MINDFULNESS CERTIFICATE PROPOSAL
 - Action Item: Motion to Approve by Ali Habashi, 2nd Liz Breuker, Unanimous (9y, 0n, 0a)
6. POLS -CAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CHANGE Adam Bradford discussed proposal.
 - Action Item: Motion to Approve with stipulation that Dean of College signs proposal by Liz Breuker, 2nd Matt Van Winkle, Unanimous (9y, 0n, 0a)
7. MS ME MCE- CoSE PROGRAM REQUIREMENT CHANGE – Math Chair was asked to submit an impact proposal. Request was never submitted. Multiple attempts to get statement on proposal, but was never given. Proposal was on hold since last December. Dave Pearson has concerns with the lengthiness and indiscriminate information on the proposal, as there is information in the request that is not relevant. Ali Amir noted the old department chair is the one who signed off. Ali Amir is also asked if the prerequisite depiction on the proposal will impact other programs that need ECE 2205. Adam Bradford advised that anything after page 5 will be disregarded and will need a new proposal to be resubmitted. Adam Bradford will reach back out to Mary.
 - Action Item: Motion to Approve with stipulation of only approving 2 courses, up to page 5, by Ali Amir, 2nd Justin Wood, unanimous. (9y, 0n, 0a)

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **DUOLINGO DISCUSSION:** Adam Bradford discussed Duolingo scores and current language competency requirements. Adam Bradford discussed the still used language competency test TOEFL and its place beside Duolingo as a testing option. The Graduate School has received multiple requests, from international students, to allow Duolingo scores because it is not written in the catalog as an option. Adam Bradford explained that he will write a proposal to formalize this process in the catalog. Justin Wood spoke to his experience with current students. Tracy Collum explained that we will still allow the TOEFL, but that Duolingo is more affordable and will work congruently with current standards. Adam Bradford advised that currently students can take 1 of 3 language competency tests. Matt Van Winkle asked if there has been any department feedback regarding downsides or issues. Adam Bradford advised there has been no negative feedback regarding current students or applications. Ali Habashi spoke on his experience with Duolingo. Dave Pearson discussed the competitive aspect and that it might hinder growth if we do not allow Duolingo after summer of 2023. Amir Ali provided information about the TOEFL and that it is expensive for international students, compared to Duolingo, so using Duolingo may encourage more students to take the test and apply. Amir Ali explained how the currency exchange hurts international students when paying for the TOEFL in the US, compared to taking it overseas. Liz Breuker shared her experience from another educational institute and advised that DUOLINGO is now accepted worldwide as a language competency standard.
 - Motion to table until proposal is complete by Ali Habashi, 2nd Dave Pearson, unanimous (9y, 0n, 0a).

IV. FACULTY NOMINATIONS:

- Action Item: 3:56pm Motion to enter Executive Session by Ali Habashi, 2nd Gina Clarkson, unanimous (9y, 0n, 0a).
 - Action Item 4:00pm Motion to exit Executive Session by Matt Van Winkle, 2nd Amir Ali, unanimous (9y, 0n, 0a).
2. FF- * Abraham Romney, Full: Ratified in online voting (9y, 0n, 0a)
 3. FF - Geoffery Thomas, Full:
 - Action Item: Motion to approve with stipulation that Dean Signs off by Justin Wood, 2nd Howard Gauthier, Unanimous (9y 0n 0a)
 4. FA - * Piyush Sabharwall: Ratified in online voting (8y, 0n, 1a)
 5. FA – * Angela Yvonne, Allied: Ratified in online voting (9y, 0n, 0a)

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to Adjourn by Matt Van Winkle, 2nd Dave Pearson, Unanimous (9y, 0n, 0a). 4:17 am.

VII. NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 9TH, 2022

VIII. NOTES AND INFORMATION:

FA- Faculty Nomination, Allied
FF- Faculty Nomination, Full
NCP- New Course Proposal
NPP- New Program Proposal
OI- Other Items

PP- Policy Proposal

PRCP- Program Requirements Change Proposal

* Items included in Online Voting Endorsement