



Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Location: WebEx

Subject: Executive Committee (EC) of The Graduate School meeting minutes

Attendees: Judy Brown, Mitch Green, Kent Holsinger (*Ex Officio, Chair*), Elizabeth Holzer, Barbara Kream (*Ex Officio*), Charles Mahoney, Etan Markus, Barbara Parziale (*Ex Officio – Secretary*), Lynn Puddington, Kathy Segerson (*Ex Officio*), Judith Thorpe and Penny Vlahos.

Absent: Betsy McCoach

Guests: Denise Bourassa, Karen Bresciano, Kenneth Couch, David Knecht, Kathryn Libal, Niralee Patel-Lye and Angela Starkweather

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. The regular meeting of the Executive Committee for January 20, 2021 was called to order at 3:03 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. The minutes of the November 11, 2020 meeting of the Executive Committee were introduced. There was a motion offered to accept the minutes, which was seconded, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number two (2) was passed unanimously.**
3. Announcements: There were no announcements at this time.
4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for consideration and voting – *CAR 20-4255 – Add a course – Practicum in Human Rights HRTS 5282*. This practicum presents an opportunity for Master’s students to gain professional experience and competency with human rights organizations. It is a zero credit course with S/U grading and a minimum of 200 practicum hours required. After a brief discussion, there was a motion offered to accept the proposal, which was seconded. **Agenda item number four (4) was approved unanimously.**
5. Agenda item number five (5) - Presented for consideration and voting – *CAR 20-15874 – Revise a course – Current Topics in Biochemistry and Structural Biology MCB 5084*. This proposal is to update course numbers to the correct xx84 for a seminar and bring all MCB journal clubs into a unified structure. It is a one-credit course, which may be repeated for two total credits with S/U grading. A brief discussion followed the presentation. A motion was made to accept the request, which was seconded. **Agenda item number five (5) was approved unanimously.**
6. Agenda item number six (6) – Presented for consideration and voting – *GPAR 20-COUC-P9TQAF – Change in CIP Code – Economics MA/PhD*. The department requests a change of the PhD and

MA programs in Economics from Department of Homeland Security CIP Code 45.0601 Economics to CIP Code 45.0603 Econometrics and Quantitative Economics. The description of the CIP Economics focuses generally on the study of resource allocation and economic processes, while in the PhD program the CIP Econometrics and Quantitative Economics focuses on mathematical and statistical analyses of economic phenomenon. Therefore, the PhD in Economics at UConn would be more accurately defined by the Econometrics and Quantitative Economics CIP code. After a discussion of the rationale for the change, a motion was made, which was seconded, and the Committee approved the request. **Agenda item number six (6) was approved unanimously.**

7. Agenda item number seven (7) – Presented for consideration and voting – *GPAR 20-PATE-3RCGDU – Add new locations – MA in Curriculum and Instructions*. This request is to add the Avery Point location to the current MA in Curriculum and Instruction program. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to approve the request, which was seconded. **Agenda item number seven (7) was approved unanimously.**
8. Agenda item number eight (8) – Presented for consideration and voting – *GPAR 20-BOUR-8A3JWT – Add/Create new certificate program – Post Master’s Nurse Leader Certificate*. This online certificate would address the need for prospective students who already have an MS in nursing and would like the additional skills and knowledge in the field of nursing leadership. A discussion ensued during which many questions arose. The committee decided to table this request and seek further information. **Agenda item number eight (8) was tabled until additional information can be obtained.**
9. Agenda item number nine (9) – Presented for consideration and voting – *GPAR 20-BOUR-MZCQ4U – Add/Create new certificate program – Post Master’s Nurse Educator Certificate*. This online certificate would address the need for prospective students who already have an MS in nursing and would like the additional skills and knowledge in the field of nursing education. A discussion ensued during which many questions arose. The committee decided to table this request and seek further information. **Agenda item number nine (9) was tabled until additional information can be obtained.**
10. Dean’s report and discussion
 - a. Graduate School Strategic Planning Process: Discussion of Draft Figure attached. The three pronged strategic plan consists of
 - a. Lead innovations in graduate education,
 - b. Provide services that support success and enhance the experience of graduate students and post-docs,
 - c. Offer flexible/convenient services to graduate students, faculty, and staff
 - b. Update on interdisciplinary/Integrated PhD. The suggestion for a newly created PhD program for integrated studies continues this month. This program would be for something novel and not available in any current fields of study. It should be something interesting and innovative. The diploma would state Integrated Studies and the transcript would name the area of concentration. An MOU between the programs would spell out how support was going to be shared for the degree.

11. There was a motion offered for adjournment which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

12. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for **February 17, 2021 via Webex.**