



Date: Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 3:00pm-5:00pm (and email vote of July, 2022)

Location: WebEx

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

Attendees: Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Abigail Campbell (Ex-Officio -- Secretary), Maria-Luz Fernandez, Mitchell Green, Kent Holsinger (Ex-Officio, Chair), Barbara Kream (Ex-Officio), Charles Mahoney, Etan Markus, Betsy McCoach, Kathy Segerson (Ex-Officio), Penny Vlahos

Absent: Judith Thorpe, Kristin Bott

Guests: Daniel Burkey, Amy Gorin, Arpita Kurdekar, Kimberly Rollins, Helena Silva, Farhed Shah, Ellen Shanley, Michael Young

1. Call to Order. The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 3:02pm.
2. Presentation and vote for approval of past meeting minutes: The minutes from the previous EC meeting were approved.
3. No new announcements.
4. Change Name of an Existing Area of Concentration (*22-SILV-A0XEDF*) in Electrical Engineering. Helena Silva from the Electrical and Computer Engineering department presented and received questions regarding the proposal. The request is to change the name of an area of concentration within the MS and PhD program in Electrical Engineering. There are no longer faculty doing work in biosystems. However, there are faculty doing work in energy systems, so the name change better reflects the faculty available. The other change is to remove repetition in old language and make it more concise and organized. Further comments and discussion with Associate Dean Kathy Segerson are necessary. A motion was made and seconded to vote regarding the proposal. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal, conditional on clarifying changes to the catalog copy.
5. Change the CIP code for an existing degrees (*22-SHAH-02MDRB*) PhD in Agriculture & Resource Economics, and (*22-BOJI-128HAD*) MS in Applied and Resource Economics. Kimberly Rollins and Farhed Shah presented and received questions regarding the request for the change of CIP code for the MS and PhD in ARE. Agriculture & Resource Economics has increasingly become more focused on quantitative metrics, so having the change in CIP code follows what the program is doing. The CIP code is also consistent

with the department of homeland security's definitions for STEM, so it is consistent with where programs have gone. A motion was made and seconded to vote regarding the proposal. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

6. Add New Areas of Concentration (*22-D'AM-8JTWBZ*) MS in Animal Science and (*22-D'AM-Y7A9PG*) PhD in Animal Science. The Executive Committee considered the proposal in lieu of an Animal Science representative. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal, conditional on clarification of changes to the catalog copy.
7. Modify/Change Existing Degree or Certificate Program (*22-SHAN-F0Y1BF*) 4 + 1 Master's Program in Dietetics. Ellen Shanley, from the Allied Health Sciences program, presented and received questions regarding the proposal. Ellen detailed the path to becoming a dietitian. Students must complete both a didactic portion of courses as well as supervision hours for a dietetic internship. After completing these requirements, they are able to sit for a national accreditation exam. UConn has a coordinated program, meaning didactic and supervised portions are combined. Historically, students have completed master's requirements as undergraduates. With the changes The Graduate School made allowing 12 graduate courses to be taken as an undergraduate to be counted on both graduate and undergraduate plans of study, Ellen has looked into and organized a proposal for a 4+1 Master's program in Dietetics. A motion was made and seconded to vote regarding the proposal. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal.
8. Add/Create New Degree or Certificate Program (*22-GORI-FQ7T0L*) Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Obesity Prevention and Weight Management. Amy Gorin presented and received questions regarding the Obesity Prevention and Weight Management certificate proposal. The idea is to give students a more specified education in this topic. A group of interdisciplinary faculty have been brought together to provide breadth of the topic. A motion was made and seconded to vote regarding the proposal. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal, conditional on clarification of the proposed catalog copy.
9. Add/Create New Degree or Certificate Program (*22-GORI-OE1BR4*) Global Health Graduate Certificate. Amy Gorin presented and received questions regarding the Global Health Graduate certificate proposal. The idea is to give students a more specified education in this topic. A group of interdisciplinary faculty have been brought together to provide breadth of the topic. A motion was made and seconded to vote regarding the proposal. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal, conditional on revisions to the capstone information.
10. *CAR Surface and Interfacial Analysis, IMS_5304 (22-13008), CAR Suib – Compositional Analyses IMS_5303 (22-13007), CAR Suib – Structural Analysis, IMS_5302 (22-13006), CAR Suib – Microstructural and Morphological Analyses, IMS_5301 (22-12987)* Institute of Materials Science. A motion was made to vote regarding these CAR proposals. The EC voted to pass unanimously.

11. Application for Admission to PhD in Integrative Studies. Arpita Kurdekar attended, presented, and received questions regarding her revised application for admission to the PhD in Integrative Studies. She was accompanied by two of her advisors, Michael Young and Daniel Burkey. The committee voted to admit her to the PhD in Integrative Studies, with a recommendation that she take two PhD level courses in research methods.
12. Report/discussion items from the Dean
 - a. GRAD Internship Course. Associate Dean Kathy Segerson will distribute further information.
13. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The April 20th, 2022 meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned at 5:18pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 21, 2022.
14. Email consideration of Add/Create New Degree or Certificate Program (GPAR 22-SPEA-QAMOD2): New graduate certificate in Financial Technology. On July 15, 2022, Dean Holsinger sent to the Executive Committee a proposal to create a new graduate certificate in Financial Technology (FinTech). The proposed certificate uses courses already designed for the existing MS in Financial Technology. It is designed for working professionals who want to develop or enhance expertise in FinTech. Because of a request to expedite consideration of this proposal, Dean Holsinger asked for an email vote to approve, disapprove, or request a meeting to discuss the proposal. On July 22, 2022 Dean Holsinger announced that all voting members of the EC had voted to approve the proposal. The proposal passed unanimously.