



Executive Committee of The Graduate School
Sept 21st, 2022 3:00PM – 5:00PM
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Date: Wednesday, September 21th, 2022 3:00pm-5:00pm

Location: WebEx

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

Attendees: Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Mary Bernstein (Ex-Officio), Kristin Bott, David Embrick, Mitchell Green, Kent Holsinger (Ex-Officio, Chair), Barbara Kream (Ex-Officio), Etan Markus, D. Betsy McCoach, Jill Wegrzyn

Absent: Rosa Raudales, Judith Thorpe

Guests: Christopher Blesso, Jose Cruz, Rachel O’Neill, Noah Reid, John Wilson

1. Call to Order. The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 3:03p m.
2. Presentation and vote for approval of past meeting minutes: The minutes from the previous EC meeting were approved unanimously.
3. No new announcements.
4. Associate Dean Bernstein presented and Dean Holsinger answered questions regarding allowing all MA students, regardless of whether they are in a Plan A or B track to enroll in GRAD 5998 (CAR ID: 22-14045). This course allows students to maintain continuous enrollment without paying tuition for a credit bearing course. A motion was made by Mitchell Green and seconded by Etan Markus to vote regarding the proposal. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal.
5. The creation of four new courses by the Institute for System Genomics were presented for consideration and voting. The courses are: *Genomic Data Analysis I* (CAR ID: 22-14285), *Concepts in Genomic Data Analysis II* (CAR ID: 22-14286), *Genomic data analysis in practice I* (CAR ID: 22-14287), *Genomic data analysis in practice II* (CAR ID: 22-14288). Noah Reid and Rachel O’Neill explained how the course worked, reviewed the syllabi and sequencing of the courses. Questions arose about whether or not the workshops offered by the ISG would be replaced by these courses. Dean Holsinger confirmed with ISG by email, reporting that “The current plan is to continue to offer the workshops at a reduced frequency (currently offered monthly) and to develop new workshop content in areas not covered in the certificate program (i.e. single-cell genomics).” Dean Holsinger asked for an email vote to approve the proposal. The proposal was approved unanimously.

6. The E.C. consider a proposal to restrict enrollment of NUSC 5100 to Nutritional Science Students (CAR 14365) to MS and PhD Nutritional Sciences students. Christopher Blesso was there to answer questions. In discussion, the EC was concerned about a blanket restriction on students from other departments taking courses. So Assoc. Dean Bernstein was asked to and did confirm with Carl Rivers from the Registrar's Office that a department can set enrollment restrictions such that students from the department offering the course do not need permission to enrollment while students from other departments would need permission numbers to enroll if seats are available. Assoc. Dean Bernstein confirmed with Christopher Blesso via email that this would meet the needs of Nutritional Science and so the CAR was returned and no vote was taken.
7. The E.C. considered a request to approve online versions of both the MS Financial Technology (*22-WILS-H5HNVR*) and the Advanced Business Certificate in Financial Technology (FinTech) (*22-SPEA-OVR706*). John Wilson answered questions and explained that there was demand for online versions of these programs and that the program would continue both online and in person. Mitch motioned to approve. Etan seconded the motion. The proposal was approved unanimously.
8. The School of Business presented a proposal for an Advanced Business Certificate in Supply Chain Analytics (*22-VAIT-IRTHBG*) (Department of Operations & Information Management). Jose Cruz discussed the need for this certificate program. Mitch motioned to approve. David seconded. The proposal was approved unanimously with the change in catalog language suggested by Assoc. Dean Bernstein to omit the names of the courses, consistent with conventions for writing catalog copy.
9. The School of Business presented proposals to change the CIP codes of six degree or certificate programs, including:
 - a. Advanced Business Certificate in Supply Chain Analytics (*22-KING-MEUHBM*) (Department of Operations & Information Management)
 - b. Master of Business Administration Degree, Business Analytics concentration (*22-KING-Y2QTXL*) (School of Business)
 - c. Master of Science in Business Analytics and Project Management (*22-KING-HVII09*) (School of Business)
 - d. Advanced Business Certificate in Accounting Analytics (*22-KING-97AGVO*) (School of Business)
 - e. Advanced Business Certificate in Business Analytics (*22-KING-3PMA6L*) (School of Business)
 - f. Advanced Business Certificate in Health Care Analytics (*22-KING-26AY9K*) (School of Business)

Jose Cruz explained that the new CIP codes better fit these certificate and degree programs. Mary Anne moved to approve all seven CIP code changes. Betsy seconded. The proposals were approved unanimously.

10. Discussion Items: Proprietary Defenses

The EC discussed whether or not dissertation defenses should remain public. The EC agreed that a student can and should be able to omit details about information that is proprietary, patentable, or classified from a public defense and therefore a public defense of a dissertation would not compromise proprietary information. The EC agreed that

proprietary information should be discussed with the committee and the student but does not have to be discussed in public. Although the oral defense of a dissertation should be public, that does not mean that the dissertation needs to be public. UConn has a 10 year embargo on dissertations. It was noted that the graduate catalog does not require public defenses.