



Date: Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, from 3:00pm-5:00pm

Location: WebEx Conference

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

Attendees: Mary Anne Amalaradjou*, Marina Astitha, Mary Bernstein (*Ex-Officio*), Jack Corcoran (*Ex-Officio, Recording Secretary*), Kent Holsinger (*Ex-Officio, Chair*), Barbara Kream (*Ex-Officio*), Charles Mahoney, Etan Markus, Betsy McCoach, Royce Mohan, Judith Thorpe

Absent: David Embrick, Mitchell Green

Guests: Laura Burton, Meghan Hanrahan, Joshua Racca

* *Indicates member was absent for voting on motions.*

1. The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. Presentation and vote for past meeting minutes, February 21st, 2024: The minutes from this EC meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Presented for consideration and voting – *Modify/Change existing degree or certificate program* (GPAR 24-BURT-7DM3FN) Educational Leadership Ed.D.
 - a. Sponsoring School/College: Neag School of Education
 - b. Sponsoring Department: Educational Leadership
 - c. Presenter(s): Laura Burton

Laura Burton from the Department of Educational Leadership discussed the location change for the Ed.D. The program is currently offered at the Storrs campus, where students need to be present once a week. After surveying students and being in contact with the Hartford campus, the program is requesting to move there permanently. This would be more convenient for students and potentially widen the applicant pool, as well as still accommodate enough space and resources needed for the students.

There are no questions asked by the committee. A motion to approve was made by Betsy McCoach and seconded by Etan Markus. The Executive Committee voted to approve the proposal unanimously.

4. Presented for consideration and voting – *Modify/Change existing degree or certificate program* (GPAR 24-DURN-W97FV6) Accounting M.S.
 - a. Sponsoring School/College: School of Business
 - b. Sponsoring Department: Accounting
 - c. Presenter(s): Joshua Racca

Joshua Racca presented on the alterations to the Accounting M.S. This proposal adds a 4+1 program track that allows students to be able to take some courses as undergraduates and clarifies program requirements. This aligns with programs in the School of Business who have made similar adjustments.

There are no questions asked by the committee. A motion to approve was made by Charles Mahoney and seconded by Marina Astitha. The Executive Committee voted to approve the proposal unanimously.

5. Presented for consideration and voting – *Modify/Change existing degree or certificate program* (GPAR 24-VAIT-5OVSGH) Business Analytics and Project Management M.S.
 - a. Sponsoring School/College: School of Business
 - b. Sponsoring Department: Operations and Information Management
 - c. Presenter(s): Meghan Hanrahan

Meghan Hanrahan from the School of Business discussed the removal of three concentrations, Actuarial Science, Talent Analytics, and Health Care Analytics, from the Business Analytics and Project Management program. These concentrations have not been utilized at all since their inception, and they currently have no enrolled students or applicants. The program will continue to maintain the three remaining concentrations. The program is also shifting from 10 required and 3 elective courses to 9 required and 4 electives to provide great flexibility to students.

There are no questions asked by the committee. A motion to approve was made by Royce Mohan and seconded by Etan Markus. The Executive Committee voted to approve the proposal unanimously.

6. Discussion Items
 - a. Mentorship Training
 - i. Dean Holsinger and Associate Dean Bernstein announced and described the decision to require new faculty members to complete mentorship training in order to earn an appointment to the graduate faculty. The committee as a collective discussed the potential routes that can be taken to broaden, expand, and refine the program in the coming years.
7. The meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned at 3:54 p.m. The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 17th, 2024.