Graduate Council Minutes
November 8, 2023

Present: Benner, Chorpenning, George, Hackett, Hendricks, Holz, Limbu, Lubitow, Nadeau, Randol, Rissi, Wern, Ozioko, Wooster, Woods, Morris, Hanson, Holmes, Treece

Absent: Bremmer, Sandberg

Guest: Melanie Marrone, Educational Leadership and Policy

Agenda

Minutes from October 25 meeting

Announcement: AI software at Grad Council

Old Business

Panel 2
College of Education
- CRTGR in Principal License - new certificate program

New Business

Panel 3
School of Social Work
- SW 547 Social Work and Environmental Justice, 3 credits - change prerequisites

The School of Business
- BTA 485/585 Blockchain Uses and Applications, 4 credits - change course title to Blockchain and Exponential Technologies [cross-listed with BTA 585S)
- BTA 585S Blockchain Uses and Applications, 4 credits - change course title to Blockchain and Exponential Technologies [cross-listed with BTA 485/585)

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

Minutes from October 25 meeting

It was moved (Holz) and seconded (Nadeau) to approve the October 25 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Announcement: AI software at Grad Council

Lubitow announced that AI software will not be allowed for notetaking at GC. Software such as Otter.ai effectively shares recordings with a 3rd party. Since PSU does not have a contract in place with Otter.ai to ensure the recorded data is handled appropriately, the Graduate Council will not permit notetaking with Otter.ai or other AI software for the time being.

- CRTGR in Principal License - new certificate program

Marrone joined the meeting to discuss the proposal. COE already offers admin licensure for principals; this proposal takes the existing courses and creates a graduate certificate. Students pursuing licensure only are not eligible for financial aid; creating a graduate certificate to complement the licensure program provides aid eligibility. Few students in principal licensure programs receive tuition support from their employers, and the program has a high number of credits, so financial aid eligibility is critical for students to complete this program. With the addition of financial aid eligibility, the program expects to see an increase in enrollment.

Marrone was excused.

It was moved (Rissi) and seconded (Holz) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

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It was moved (Nadeau) and seconded (Wern) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

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It was moved (Rissi) and seconded (Nadeau) to approve these two proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.