

Graduate Council Minutes

February 7, 2024

Present: Benner, Bremmer, Chorpenning, Hackett, Hendricks, Holz, Limbu, Lubitow, Randol, Rissi, Sandberg, Wern, Ozioko, Woods, Morris, Hanson, Holmes, Treece

Absent: George, Wooster

Guests: Cesar Rodriguez, Economics
Forrest Williams, Economics

Agenda

Minutes from January 24 meeting

Old Business

Panel 3

College of Urban and Public Affairs

- MS in Applied Economics and Data Analytics - new degree program
- MA/MS in Economics - request for program moratorium
- EC 515 Applied Microeconomic Analysis, 4 credits - new course

New Business

Panel 1

College of Urban and Public Affairs

- PA 525 Grantwriting for Nonprofit Organizations, 3 credits - change course description, add cross-listing with PA 425
- PS 434/534 The Making and Unmaking of American Racial Hierarchy, 4 credits - new course

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes from January 24 meeting

It was moved (Hendricks) and seconded (Limbu) to approve the January 24 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

- PA 525 Grantwriting for Nonprofit Organizations, 3 credits - change course description, add cross-listing with PA 425

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

- PS 434/534 The Making and Unmaking of American Racial Hierarchy, 4 credits - new course

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

- MS in Applied Economics and Data Analytics - new degree program
- MA/MS in Economics - request for program moratorium
- EC 515 Applied Microeconomic Analysis, 4 credits - new course

Rodriguez and Williams joined the meeting and provided an overview of the new degree proposal and the program moratorium.

- The new program proposal is driven by demand for online courses that began during the pandemic. The program uses primarily existing courses, is designed to be completed in one year (including summer term), and is targeted toward mid-career professionals. It would be the only online, applied Economics program available on the west coast.
- The moratorium on the existing Economics degree was driven by falling enrollment. It was designed as a PhD preparatory program, but demand for such programs has declined. While the moratorium is in effect, the department intends to conduct an assessment of the curriculum and the larger causes of the enrollment decline with an eye to possibly redesigning and relaunching the degree program.

Rodriguez and Williams were excused.

- MA/MS in Economics - request for program moratorium

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

- MS in Applied Economics and Data Analytics - new degree program
- EC 515 Applied Microeconomic Analysis, 4 credits - new course

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.