

## Graduate Council Minutes

April 10, 2024

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

**Absent:** Chorpenning, Holz

### Agenda

#### Minutes from March 6 meeting

#### Consent Agenda

##### School of Public Health

- EPI 610 Epidemiology Doctoral Seminar, 3 credits - change course title to Doctoral Seminar in Causal Inference Methods, change course description, change prereqs, change course number to EPI 625
- EPI 611 Epidemiology Doctoral Seminar, 2 credits - change course title to Epi Doctoral Seminar, change course description, change prereqs, change repeatability, change course number to EPI 615

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##### College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- HST 411/511 Public History Lab, 4 credits - drop course
- HST 488/588 Modern Arabia, 4 credits - drop course
- HST 596 Introduction to Public History, 4 credits - drop course

##### College of Urban and Public Affairs

- USP 562 Real Estate Development Workshop, 3 credits - drop course
- USP 566 National Urban Policy, 3 credits - drop course
- USP 581 Environmental Psychology, 3 credits - drop course
- USP 595 Reshaping the Metropolis, 3 credits - drop course

##### Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

- CE 539 Advanced Steel Design, 4 credits - change prereqs

##### Business School

- MTAX 526 Tax Accounting Methods and Periods, 4 credits - change prereqs
- MTAX 527 Corporate Taxation I, 4 credits - change prereqs
- MTAX 529 Federal Tax Procedure, 2 credits - change prereqs
- MTAX 530 Taxation of Property Transactions, 2 credits - change prereqs
- MTAX 531 Pass-through Entities I, 4 credits - change prereqs
- MTAX 535 State and Local Taxation, 4 credits - change prereqs

- MTAX 536 International Taxation, 4 credits - change prereqs
- MTAX 538 Taxation of Real Estate Transactions, 2 credits - change prereqs
- MTAX 539 Taxation of Estates, Gifts, and Trusts, 4 credits - change prereqs
- MTAX 540 Practicum/Internship, 4 credits - change prereqs
- MTAX 544 Professional Practices Seminar, 2 credits - change prereqs

## **Discussion: bachelors+masters policy clarification**

### **New Business**

#### **Panel 2**

##### **College of Urban and Public Affairs**

- MPA in Public Administration - change to existing program: reduce capstone credits, reduce Skill Development credits, reduce total credits from 60 to 54
- USP 589 Theorizing Urban Natures, 4 credits - change course title to Urban Environmental Justice: History, Theory, and Practice, change course description, change instructional method

##### **Business School**

- MS in Real Estate - change to existing program: reduce total credits from 55 to 45, revise entire program
- CRTGR in Real Estate Investment and Finance - change to existing program: allow previously excluded course to count toward program
- CRTGR in Real Estate Development - change to existing program: reduce credits from 24 to 18, revise entire program
- CRTGR in Affordable Housing Development - change to existing program: reduce core credits, reduce total credits from 19 to 18
- RE 522 Real Estate Finance II, 4 credits - change course description, change credit hours from 4 to 3
- RE 562 Real Estate Development Workshop, 4 credits - change prereqs
- RE 534 Leadership Skills for Real Estate, 4 credits - new course

##### **School of Social Work**

- SW 573 Practice Skills for the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders, 3 credits - change course description, change prereqs

#### **Panel 3**

##### **College of Urban and Public Affairs**

- CRTGR in Econometric and Data Analysis - program moratorium request
- USP 411/511 Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Lab, 3 credits - change course title to Active Transportation Studio, change course description, change prereqs

- USP 531 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Planners, 4 credits - change course number to USP 536, change course title to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Urban Studies and Planning, change course description, add dual-level section (USP 436)
- USP 573 Visual Communications for Planning, 2 credits - new course

#### **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

- BI 431/531 Advanced Molecular and Cell Biology Research Laboratory, 2 credits - change course description, change credit hours from 2 to 3
- BI 439/539 Conservation Genetics, 4 credits - new course
- G 426/526 Numerical Modeling of Earth Systems, 4 credits - new course
- GEOG 444/544 Political Ecologies of the Western US, 4 credits - change instructional method
- STAT 470/570 Statistical Consulting, 1-3 credits - change course description, change repeatability

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

#### **Minutes from March 6 meeting**

*It was moved (Limbu) and seconded (Bremmer) to approve the March 6 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.*

With the approval of the minutes, the consent agenda was passed.

#### **Discussion: bachelors+masters policy clarification**

Hanson asked Graduate Council to review an issue on which the bachelors+masters (B+M) policy is silent: can a student earn more than one B+M? A similar allowance, for Dual Degrees, is limited to one instance at PSU, so the Graduate School asked GC whether or not there should be a similar limit on B+M programs. After discussion, the Council decided no limit on the number of B+M programs a student can complete should be established.

- MPA in Public Administration - change to existing program: reduce capstone credits, reduce Skill Development credits, reduce total credits from 60 to 54

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

- USP 589 Theorizing Urban Natures, 4 credits - change course title to Urban Environmental Justice: History, Theory, and Practice, change course description, change instructional method

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

- MS in Real Estate - change to existing program: reduce total credits from 55 to 45, revise entire program

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

- CRTGR in Real Estate Investment and Finance - change to existing program: allow previously excluded course to count toward program
- CRTGR in Real Estate Development - change to existing program: reduce credits from 24 to 18, revise entire program
- CRTGR in Affordable Housing Development - change to existing program: reduce core credits, reduce total credits from 19 to 18

*It was moved (Bremmer) and seconded (Hendricks) to approve these three proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- RE 522 Real Estate Finance II, 4 credits - change course description, change credit hours from 4 to 3
- RE 562 Real Estate Development Workshop, 4 credits - change prereqs

*It was moved (Sandberg) and seconded (Hendricks) to approve these two proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- RE 534 Leadership Skills for Real Estate, 4 credits - new course

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

- SW 573 Practice Skills for the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders, 3 credits - change course description, change prereqs

*It was moved (Sandberg) and seconded (Hendricks) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- CRTGR in Econometric and Data Analysis - program moratorium request

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

- USP 411/511 Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Lab, 3 credits - change course title to Active Transportation Studio, change course description, change prereqs

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

- USP 531 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Planners, 4 credits - change course number to USP 536, change course title to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Urban Studies and Planning, change course description, add dual-level section (USP 436)

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

- USP 573 Visual Communications for Planning, 2 credits - new course

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

- BI 431/531 Advanced Molecular and Cell Biology Research Laboratory, 2 credits - change course description, change credit hours from 2 to 3

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

- BI 439/539 Conservation Genetics, 4 credits - new course

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- G 426/526 Numerical Modeling of Earth Systems, 4 credits - new course

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

- GEOG 444/544 Political Ecologies of the Western US, 4 credits - change instructional method

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

- STAT 470/570 Statistical Consulting, 1-3 credits - change course description, change repeatability

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.