

## **Graduate Council Minutes**

November 20, 2024

**Present:** Benner, Brown, Chorpenning, Fuller, Hackett, Nadeau, Nelson, Pickard, Randol, Rissi, Talepasand, Vasey, Tankersley, Morris, Hanson, Holmes, Treece

**Absent:** Holz, Lincoln, Summer, Wern, Woods

### **Agenda**

#### **Minutes from November 6 meeting**

#### **Discussion: Expired credits for master's degrees**

#### **New Business**

##### **Panel 1**

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

- SW 512 Advanced Practicum Placement, 1-4 credits - change course title to Advanced Practicum, change course description

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

- MS in Geographic Information Science - change to existing program: revise core courses, increase electives
- GEOG 591 Professionalism in GIS, 2 credits - change course description, change credit hours from 2 to 4
- GEOG 447/547 Urban Streams, 4 credits - change course description

##### **Panel 2**

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

- MS in Mathematics for Teachers - change to existing program: complete program restructure, adds flexibility/student choice
- MTH 581 Topics in Probability for Mathematics Teachers, 2-3 credits - change course title to Foundations for Teaching Introductory Probability, change course description, change credit hours from 2-3 to 4, change prereqs, change repeatability
- MTH 582 Topics in Statistics for Mathematics Teachers, 2-3 credits - change course title to Foundations for Teaching Introductory Statistics, change course description, change credit hours from 2-3 to 4, change prereqs, change repeatability
- MTH 584 Topics in Algebra for Mathematics Teachers, 2-3 credits - change course title to Algebra and Geometry Connections for Teachers, change course description, change credit hours from 2-3 to 4, change prereqs, change repeatability

- MTH 585 Topics in Analysis for Mathematics Teachers, 2-3 credits - change course title to Precalculus, Differential Calculus, and Analysis Connections for Teachers, change course description, change credit hours from 2-3 to 4, change repeatability
- MTH 587 Topics in Discrete Mathematics for Mathematics Teachers, 2-3 credits - change course title to Precalculus, Integral Calculus, and Analysis Connections for Teacher, change course description, change credit hours from 2-3 to 4, change prereqs, change repeatability
- MTH 490/590 Teaching Mathematics for Social Justice, 4 credits - new course
- MTH 492/592 Ethnomathematics, 4 credits - new course

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

### **Minutes from November 6 meeting**

*It was moved (Chorpenning) and seconded (Brown) to approve the November 6 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved with 9 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.*

- SW 512 Advanced Practicum Placement, 1-4 credits - change course title to Advanced Practicum, change course description

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

- MS in Geographic Information Science - change to existing program: revise core courses, increase electives
- GEOG 591 Professionalism in GIS, 2 credits - change course description, change credit hours from 2 to 4

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

- GEOG 447/547 Urban Streams, 4 credits - change course description

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

- MS in Mathematics for Teachers - change to existing program: complete program restructure, adds flexibility/student choice
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*It was moved (Chorpenning) and seconded (Vasey) to approve these eight proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.*

### **Discussion: Expired credits for master's degrees**

The Council recently reviewed a graduate petition asking for use of 45 expired credits for a master's degree, i.e., all credits for the program had passed the seven-year limit for courses applicable to a master's degree. The petition readers had questions about the history of such an extraordinary request, so Randol asked that the Council have a discussion about this topic. Hanson provided the background regarding previous requests for use of an entire degree program comprised of expired credits. There was a wide-ranging discussion about this topic and related issues such as expired courses and their relevance to current work in the discipline, whether or not the degree should be backdated if such a petition is approved, department/school/college support for such requests, and the now discontinued policy of validating expired credits. There were suggestions that certain policies or practices might change, but in the end no proposals were put forward to change existing procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.