

## **Graduate Council Minutes**

April 9, 2025

**Present:** Benner, Chorpenning, Fuller, Holz, Lincoln, Nadeau, Nelson, Pickard, Randol, Van Heest, Vasey, Wern, Kinoshita, Woods, Morris, Hanson, Holmes, Treece

**Absent:** Brown, Hackett, Rissi, Talepasand, Bylenga, Tankersley

**Guest:** Billie Sandberg, Public Administration

### **Agenda**

#### **Minutes from March 12 meeting**

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

- SPAN 490/590 History of the Spanish Language, 4 credits - change prereqs (remove prereqs)
- SPAN 494/594 Spanish Linguistics, 4 credits - change prereqs (remove prereqs)
- SPAN 497/597 Applied Spanish Linguistics, 4 credits - change course description, change prereqs
- SPAN 498/598 Spanish Syntax, 4 credits - change course description, change prereqs

#### **Old Business**

##### **Panel 3**

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

- ETM 445/545 Project Management, 4 credits - change course description, add 400 level

#### **New Business**

##### **College of Education**

- CRTGR in Service Learning and Community-Based Learning in Postsecondary Education - program moratorium request

##### **Panel 1**

##### **School of Public Health**

- MPH in Epidemiology - change to existing program: add two alternatives to two existing requirements
- EPI 525 Biostatistics I, 4 credits - new course

***For discussion***

## **Business School**

- MBA in Business Administration - change to existing program: simplify program structure, drop two required courses, revise electives

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

- MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering - change to existing program: change 3 tracks, remove 2 tracks

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

- MA/MS in Geography - change to existing program: reduce number of GEOG prefix credits by 6 (30 cr for thesis; 34 cr for non-thesis), clarify max number of thesis credits (9)

## **Panel 2**

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

- MPP in Public Policy - change to existing program: increase methods credits, change diversity requirement
- MNL in Nonprofit Leadership - change to existing program: increase methods credits, reduce Organizational Experience credits
- PA 509 Organizational Experience, 1-6 credits - change course title to Public Service Capstone, change course description, change credit hours from 1-6 to 4, change grading option
- PA 551 Analytic Methods in Public Administration I, 3 credits - change course title to Qualitative Methods for Public and Nonprofit Managers, change course description, change credit hours from 3 to 4
- PA 552 Analytic Methods in Public Administration II, 3 credits - change course title to Quantitative Methods for Public and Nonprofit Managers, change course description, change credit hours from 3 to 4
- MPA in Public Administration - change to existing program: revise core requirements, create stackable option for Field of Specialization
- CRTGR in Nonprofit Leadership - new certificate program
- CRTGR in Local Government Administration - new certificate program
- CRTGR in Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis - new certificate program
- USP 419/519 Population and Society, 4 credits - remove cross-listing with SOC 541 [SOC 541 being dropped]

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

- MAT/MST in Biology - program elimination
- MA/MS in Biology - change to existing program: add core course
- MS in Environmental Science and Management - change to existing program: add new core course, reduce amount of elective coursework

- MEM in Environmental Science and Management - change to existing program: replace existing core course with new course
- ESR 511 Introduction to Graduate Research Development, 4 credits - new course
- ESR 611 Introduction to Graduate Research Development, 4 credits - new course
- ESM 493/593 Advanced Environmental Science Lab and Field Methods, 2 credits - change course description, change credit hours from 2 to 1-4, change repeatability (max 4 credits)

### **Business School**

- BA 525 Capstone Consulting Project, 1 credit - change course description, change prereqs
- BA 526 MBA International Experience, 5 credits - change credit hours from 5 to 2-5

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

### **Minutes from March 12 meeting**

*It was moved (Vasey) and seconded (Chorpenning) to approve the March 12 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved with 5 in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstentions.*

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

- ETM 445/545 Project Management, 4 credits - change course description, add 400 level

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

- CRTGR in Service Learning and Community-Based Learning in Postsecondary Education - program moratorium request

Randol sent members the link to the document where they can provide feedback on moratoria proposals. Comments are due by the end of day Friday, April 18.

- MPH in Epidemiology - change to existing program: add two alternatives to two existing requirements
- EPI 525 Biostatistics I, 4 credits - new course

*It was moved (Van Heest) and seconded (Pickard) to approve these two proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- MBA in Business Administration - change to existing program: simplify program structure, drop two required courses, revise electives

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

- MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering - change to existing program: change 3 tracks, remove 2 tracks

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

- MA/MS in Geography - change to existing program: reduce number of GEOG prefix credits by 6 (30 cr for thesis; 34 cr for non-thesis), clarify max number of thesis credits (9)

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

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Before Sandberg joined the meeting, Lincoln provided an overview of this large group of proposals. They are all interrelated and reflect a significant update of the Public Administration curriculum. Lincoln noted the entire package was well done.

Sandberg joined the meeting to discuss the three new graduate certificates as well as the overall suite of changes. She said this package of proposals represent a year and a half of strategic planning, in partnership with multiple stakeholders including students, to update their curriculum. For the three new graduate certificates, the MPA degree has always had a Field of Specialization, but now three of the specializations will become graduate certificates and can therefore be transcribed as a separate credential.

Sandberg was excused.

*It was moved (Lincoln) and seconded (Holz) to approve these nine proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- USP 419/519 Population and Society, 4 credits - remove cross-listing with SOC 541 [SOC 541 being dropped]

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

- MAT/MST in Biology - program elimination

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

- MA/MS in Biology - change to existing program: add core course

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

- MS in Environmental Science and Management - change to existing program: add new core course, reduce amount of elective coursework
- MEM in Environmental Science and Management - change to existing program: replace existing core course with new course
- ESR 511 Introduction to Graduate Research Development, 4 credits - new course
- ESR 611 Introduction to Graduate Research Development, 4 credits - new course

*It was moved (Holz) and seconded (Lincoln) to approve these four proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- ESM 493/593 Advanced Environmental Science Lab and Field Methods, 2 credits - change course description, change credit hours from 2 to 1-4, change repeatability (max 4 credits)

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

- BA 525 Capstone Consulting Project, 1 credit - change course description, change prereqs

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

- BA 526 MBA International Experience, 5 credits - change credit hours from 5 to 2-5

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.