

**UMGSB GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
Thursday, October 1 2015
Led by: UMBC
Teleconference**

In Attendance: Brian Cullum, Jonathan Graf, Ronghui Ma, Nancy Miller, Deepinder Sidhu, Janet Rutledge, Ana Oskoz, Erin Golembewski, Donna Harrington, Meg Johantgen, Lisa Morgan, Katia Kontrogianni, Bruce Yu, Sarah Tom

Welcome

Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on September 3, 2015

- A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Announcements/plans/issues UMB

- None

Announcements/plans/issues UMBC

- UMBC Only Policies: (1) The Graduate School is considering a change to its maternity leave policy to cover men, adoption, and guardianship. Graduate Assistantships will be converted to fellowships for up to a six-week period. If the birth mother requires additional time, a letter from a doctor explaining the medical necessity must be provided. Departments are able to request reimbursements from the Graduate School to cover stipends for that period. The change is expected to be approved at the October 14, GPD meeting. (2) UMBC has converted to electronic timesheets. However, GAs are not considered employees, so the standard timesheet cannot serve as documentation of their duties. The Graduate School has developed a template for departments to use to document GA time. GPD will vote on the template on October 14.

GSA Reports

- UMB – No Report
- UMBC – The Graduate Research Conference is scheduled for March 23. The GSA held its first successful meeting.

Committee Reports

Graduate Faculty - the following was approved:

UMB

Xiaofeng Jia	Regular
Laura Yerges-Armstrong	Regular
Qun Zhou	Regular

UMBC

Amy Hurst	Regular
Cale Whitworth	Special 1
Laura Hussey	Regular
Daniella Coman	Special 3
Kofi Placid Adragani	Regular
Jason Kestner	Regular
Raimi L. Quiton	Associate
Matthew Pelton	Regular
Piotr Gwiazda	Regular
Ryan J. White	Regular
Sharron Dean	Special 3
Diana Parr	Special 3
Lisa Moren	Regular
Michele Osherow	Associate
Raphael Falco	Associate

New Courses

Courses Recommended for Approval :

UMB New Courses

- NRS 796 Introduction to Teaching nursing in a Clinical Setting
- NRS 785 Professional Writing

UMBC New Courses

- HIST 669 Femininity and masculinity in the Middle Age
- HIST 636 The Rise of China and U.S. Response
- HITS 613 American Revolution online
- IS 679 Social Media Application and Analytics
- ENG 616 Advanced Topics in Literature & Other Arts
- HIT 724 Educational Technology in Healthcare (provisional approval with checking credit change)
- ENME 685 Mechanical Behavior of Materials

UMBC Change in Existing Course

- AGNG 662 Correlation & Review

UMB Change in Existing Course

- NRS 785 Professional Writing

Courses Denied Approval

UMB

- PHSR 605 Introduction to Comparative Effectiveness Research and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (CERPCOR) for the Healthcare Provider
- GPLS 671 Leadership and the Business of Science

UMBC

- IS 680 Readings in Systems Design
- AGNG 638 Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Design I

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendations as submitted. There was unanimity at UMB and UMBC.

Program Review – No Report

Long Range Planning & New Programs – No Report

New Business

- Proposal for Expedited Review of Self-Supporting Professional Studies Programs by the Academic Planning and Budget Committee –the proposal was shared with Graduate Council members to determine if the Council wanted to make any changes. No changes were suggested. The Council is in favor of a faster review process.
- Erin Golembewski will share during the November meeting information about UMB's Academic Dismissal Policy.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Teleconference

Led by: UMB