

# UMGSB GRADUATE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**Thursday, December 2, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting Hosted by**  
**UMBC**

Attendance: Erin Golembewski, Janet Rutledge, Lisa Morgan, Joel Tyson, Kathy O'Dell, Bethany Lee, John Basile, Jia Bei Wang, Jamila Savage, Jeff Halverson, Steve Pitts, Mathangi Gopalakrishnan, Kirsten Corazzini, Eileen Meyer, Sarah Chard, William Jackson, Minjoung Kyoung, Andrei Draganescu

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1. Welcome
2. **Approval of Minutes** from Council Meeting held on November 4, 2021
  - *Minutes were approved by the council*
3. Announcements/plans/issues UMB – No Announcements
4. **Announcements/plans/issues UMBC** –
  - *There is a search ongoing for the Assistant Dean for Administration Policy & Compliance. Selection should be made in January.*
  - *UMBC will have an in-person commencement ceremony with a limited member of guests.*
5. **GSA Reports**
  - *UMB – GSA Rep not present. Erin Golembewski - UMB is planning an in-person Graduate Research Conference (GRC). UMB is also in the beginning stages of planning an in-person commencement and doctoral hooding ceremony. GSA is working on giving travel awards for virtual and in person conferences, as those resume.*
  - *UMBC – Joel Tyson - Collective Bargaining townhall meeting is scheduled to educate students and get responses on collective bargaining bill that is coming up in the MD legislative session. Three-Minute Thesis series starts next week.*
6. **Committee Reports**
  - Program Review – All committee reports were approved.
    - *Mathematics and Statistics Department; The biggest issue is graduate students who are GA's in the department have to take a regular class*

*every semester until they graduate even after they've reached candidacy. Those who are part time or who are not funded on a GA only need to finish the written requirements and then don't have to register, and so there were concerns if this was fair and appropriate. GPD, Andrei Draganescu, recommends that this policy be updated. "PhD students should not be compelled to take courses after their oral exam so they can focus on their thesis work. And the second point is that the motor reviewers and the credit Council have stated that it is not acceptable to have different policies for students will receive the same degree solely based on the difference in their sources of funding. We envision coming up with the magic number of credits that a PhD student should take, based on the program needs. John Basile presented the report for the committee. Committee made recommendations – recommendations can be found in committee report.*

- **Physics Department** – GPD did not attend. *The physics department has twice as many graduate students or externally funded RAs as compared to the number of TAs is funded with the university support. The space issue, continues to get worse since each new faculty hire needs space for students and postdocs. Department needs to hire new faculty with upcoming retirements. The department needs to consider change to upper division undergraduate curriculum to allow more advanced study. John Basile read recommendations found in committee report*
- **Systems Engineering** – GPD did not attend. *Change in program to increase leadership and enrollment. Jia Bei Wang read recommendations found in committee report.*

- Long Range Planning and New Programs
  - No Items to Review

- **New Courses** – Minjoung Kyoung & Sarah Chard presenting – Committee report was approved

MSPA 682 (2) Summative Evaluation	Recommend approval
MSPA 670 (3) - Telehealth	Recommend approval with administrative revision
HPE 851 (3) – Research Seminar	Recommend approval pending department chair’s signature
HPE 840 (3) – Educational Program Evaluation	Recommend approval pending department chair’s signature
PALC 662 (3) – Qualitative Research in Palliative Care	Recommend approval with administrative review regarding attendance policy
PALC 661 (3) – Quantitative Research in Palliative Care	Recommend approval with administrative review regarding attendance policy
PALC 660 (3) – Study Design and Critical Appraisal of the Evidence	Recommend approval pending administrative confirm on the faculty status and biosketch/CV for the instructor.
PTR 616 (2) – Applied Technology in Human Movement Analysis II	Recommend approval pending department chair’s signature

- **Graduate Faculty** - *Approved for Regular Status* - Clay, Lauren - Emergency Health Services, PhD, Associate Professor

7. Old Business - None
8. New Business - None
9. Adjournment

***Next Meeting:***  
*February 3, 2022*  
 Teleconference  
*Led by UMB*