



**University Council on Graduate Study Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

The minutes from the September 2023 meeting were approved (25 in favor; 2 abstention).

Academic Planning Proposals

Proposal to Modify the Master of Science in Nursing ARCO Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

The School of Nursing proposed a modification to the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) to Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program to increase the credits from 58 (13 clinical credits and 45 didactic credits) to 65 (13 clinical credits and 52 didactic credits) to meet accreditation standards. The program will prepare students to practice as NNPs in neonatal intensive care units, newborn nurseries, and follow-up clinics; these practice locations have strong demand for high-quality NNPs in our region.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members present voted in favor of recommending approval to the Provost (28 in favor; 1 abstention).

Proposal to modify the Master of Science in PharmacoAnalytics

The School of Pharmacy proposed a modification to the Master of Science in PharmacoAnalytics-Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research to include a non-thesis track and a hybrid option along with the 100% online option. The non-thesis option will provide flexibility by allowing a broad range of individuals to pursue advanced education without the traditional constraints of a research-based thesis. The hybrid option of the curriculum allows students to occasionally meet in-person for an immersive and collaborative experience. This will foster communication skills, teamwork capabilities, and create an engaging learning environment which can enhance the experience of a predominately remote curriculum. The degree offers healthcare professionals an opportunity to bring data science to the real-world databases with an emphasis on using analytical tools in pharmacy databases and applications.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members present voted in favor of recommending approval to the Provost (28 in favor; 3 abstentions).

Review of Academic Policy and Regulation

Proposal to modify the Registrar Grading Regulations Policy.



The Office of the University Registrar proposed a modification to the regulation for a student to register for and complete an audit of a class at the graduate and professional level in line with the existing regulation for undergraduate students that includes:

1. Updated language to align audit registration and grading of class audits between undergraduate, graduate, and first-professional levels. (The removal of the section on Grade Option/Audit Requests for Graduate Courses appears as a tracked deletion in the draft for purposes of emphasizing the deleted language.)
2. Consolidated overlapping sections from Grading Options and Grading System regulations and updated both terminology and format to improve clarity and ease of use while maintaining the previously understood intent and meaning of the two regulations.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members present voted in favor of recommending approval to the Provost (26 in favor; 1 abstention).

Proposal to modify the posthumous degree “process and procedure” revision to UCGS and PACUP for approval as a Provost-area academic policy/procedure.

The Office of the Provost proposed to modify the *Awarding of Posthumous Degrees Process and Procedure* so that a dean or regional campus president should send a request for a posthumous degree or certificate of achievement to the Office of the Provost, which must approve the request. The Office of the Provost will coordinate with Student Affairs. The dean/president must affirm the approval of the department chair or program director of the student’s major. The student must have been in “active” status at the time of death and a copy of the student’s academic record should be included in the recommendation. A Certificate of Achievement may be awarded if a student does not qualify for a posthumous degree. The revision includes clarification for the criteria of a posthumous degree for undergraduate and graduate students, and the award process for the University Registrar.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members present voted in favor of recommending approval to the Provost (29 in favor).

Announcements

Subcommittee reports at the December 12 UCGS meeting and December 19 PACUP meeting.



Attendance

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences	Grad Faculty	Robert	Clift
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences	Grad Student	Robert	Marshall
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences	Grad Faculty	Pernille	Roegel
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences	Grad Faculty	Jonathan	Woon
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs	Grad Faculty	Erica	Owen
Katz Graduate School of Business	Grad Student	Abdoulai	Jobe
Katz Graduate School of Business	Grad Faculty	Rebecca	Badawy
Katz Graduate School of Business	Grad Faculty	Dennis	Galletta
Office of the Provost	Chair	Amanda	Godley
Office of the Provost	Staff	Shannon	Mischler
Office of the Registrar, Observer	Staff	Jonathan	Helm
School of Computing and Information	Grad Student	Sai Vivek Vivek	Chava
School of Computing and Information	Grad Faculty	James	Joshi
School of Dental Medicine	Grad Student	Nadine	Robert
School of Dental Medicine	Grad Faculty	Christine	Wankiiri-Hale
School of Education	Grad Faculty	Michael	Gunzenhauser
School of Education	Grad Student	Gerard	Dorve-Lewis
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Grad Faculty	Mark	DeRuiter
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Grad Faculty	Michael	Dickey
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Grad Faculty	Ketki	Raina
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Grad Student	Kayla	Scoggin
School of Medicine	Grad Student	Brooke	Dresden
School of Medicine	Grad Faculty	Saleem	Khan
School of Medicine	Grad Faculty	Robin	Lee
School of Medicine	Grad Faculty	Wendy	Mars
School of Nursing	Grad Student	Susan	Grayson
School of Nursing	Grad Faculty	Elizabeth	Schlenk
School of Pharmacy	Grad Student	Jacob	Cuyler
School of Pharmacy	Grad Faculty	Kerry	Empey
School of Public Health	Grad Faculty	Jessica	Burke
School of Public Health	Grad Faculty	Ada	Youk
School of Social Work	Grad Student	Hyun	Jin Lee
School of Social Work	Grad Faculty	Helen	Petracchi



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SEPC	Grad Faculty	Michelle	Schein
Swanson School of Engineering	Grad Faculty	Bryan	Brown
Swanson School of Engineering	Grad Faculty	Jung-Kun	Lee
Swanson School of Engineering	Grad Faculty	Bob	Parker