



**Minutes  
Academic Council  
December 1, 2020**

Date Approved: February 2, 2021

- Present:** *Mike Godard, Gillian Nicholls, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Tamela Randolph, Barbara Glackin, Alberto Dávila, Mel Odegard-Koester, Sandy Hinkle, Julie Twidwell, Jingjing Tong, Joe Pujol, Chris Haug, Doug Koch, Nathan Bullock, Elizabeth Rudloff, Kevin Musgrave, Erin Fluegge*
- Absent:** *None*
- Guests:** *Tammy Howell, David Yaskewich, Kevin Dickson*

**A. MINUTES:**

Motion by Glackin, second by Pujol, to approve the distributed minutes from the November 3, 2020 Academic Council meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

**New Programs** – *(none)*

**Addition of Minor** – *(none)*

**Other** – *(none)*

➤ **Graduate Studies**

- New Academic Policy
  - Motion to allow up to 12 credit hours to count towards a second Master's.

Motion by Nicholls, second by Weller-Stilson, to consider and approve the motion for a new Graduate Studies Academic Policy. Koch and Nicholls described the new policy. Discussion followed. Motion approved unanimously.

**C. Tabled Items:** *(none)*

**D. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- **Harrison College of Business and Computing**
  - Graduate Business Program
    - i. **GMAT Waiver Policy Revision**

Nicholls presented the details of the policy revision. Discussion followed. A decision was made to revisit the policy considering a desire to have fewer barriers to graduate study and questions of usefulness of the GMAT. Looking at alternative solution for ensuring student success on admission. Reducing barriers of standardized testing overall. Removing pro forma admission requirements in general, such as letters of intent.
- Proposed New Courses and Significant Course Revisions: *(proposed courses are currently submitted for or recently completed 10-day review)*
  - College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
    - 1. Department of Chemistry and Physics
      - a. CH511 Fundamentals of Physical Inorganic Chemistry – *Revision and Title Change*

2. Department of Agriculture
  - a. AO540/AO340 Agroecosystems Analysis Field Course – *Title Change*
  - b. AY360 Livestock Diseases – *Revision and Title Change*
  - c. AG451 Adapting Agriculture to Global Population – *New Course*
  - d. HO464 Hydroponics and Horticulture Technologies – *Title Change*
3. Department of Engineering & Technology
  - a. ET385 UAS Mission Planning and Applications – *New Course*
- Harrison College of Business and Computing
  1. Department of Management
    - a. HA492 Independent Study in Healthcare – *Termination*
    - b. HA491 Independent Study in Healthcare – *Termination*
    - c. ER531 Creative Problem Solving in Business – *Title Change*
  2. Department of Accounting, Economics, and Finance
    - a. AC555 Forensic Accounting Analytics – *New Course*
- Holland College of Arts and Media
  1. Department of Art and Design
    - a. AH337 Issues in Modern Architecture – *Prefix Change*
    - b. DS340 Housing Perspectives – *Revision and Prefix Change*
    - c. DS401 American Cultural Landscapes – *Revision and Prefix Change*
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences
  1. Department of Political Science, Philosophy and Religion
    - a. PS360 Political Parties and Voting Behavior – *Termination*
    - b. PS470 Politics of the Developed World – *Termination*
  2. Department of History and Anthropology
    - a. AN414 Human Osteology – *New Course*
    - b. US524 Rural American Society and Culture – *Title Change*
- College of Education, Health, and Human Studies
  1. Department of Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Recreation
    - a. FN607 Food Science & Technology – *New Course*

**E. DISCUSSION ITEMS/OTHER:**

- Academic Program Prioritization process

Dr. Godard gave an update on the process of Program Prioritization. The curriculum changes will not cycle back through Academic Council.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting – February 2, 2021 via Zoom**

**Agenda Items Due for consideration: January 22, 2021**