

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

November 12, 2018

The Graduate Council met at 1:30 pm in Thomas Boyd Hall in room 135 with the following members present: Broussard, Lockridge, Richardson (ex-officio), Wicks (ex-officio), de Queiroz, Gansle, Husseneder, Lindau, Perry, Piccoli, Pojman, Raffoul, Seifried, and Sharky.

Absent: Lee (ex-officio), Adams, Cai, Chance, Francis, and Frick.

Minutes of October 29, 2018

Broussard asked if there were any objections to the September meeting minutes. Gansle made a motion to approve the minutes, Seifried seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Chair's Report

- She will facilitate the discussion about the LSU Online presentation in today's meeting.

Interim Dean's Report

- SLATE Update
 - A survey about the department's admissions process was sent to graduate advisors and support staff in each department.
- GRE Requirement
 - The current catalog says it is a requirement, but it varies within each department.
 - Additional research and the analysis of the survey results may result in further discussions at a future meeting.
- The Remote Participation policy
 - A recent situation involving the Chemistry department revealed the need to revise the policy to be more concise.
 - He will send potential revisions for review electronically.

Academic Affairs' Report

- No report.

New Business

Letter of Intent: PhD in Construction

The Construction Management Department Chair, Charles Berryman, spoke to the Council about the intention of developing a Ph.D. program in Construction. Currently, it is offered as a Ph.D. in Engineering Science with a concentration in Construction Management. Lindau asked for clarification about the credit hour requirement.

According to the letter of intent:

The proposed Ph.D. in Construction requires a minimum of 54 non-research required and elective credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree and a dissertation acceptable to the advisory committee and the Graduate School.

According to the curriculum approved by the department and college:

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Berryman will revise the letter to include the same statement from the curriculum approved by the department and college. Lockridge made a motion to approve the revised version of the letter indicating a minimum 54 credit hour requirement, Sharky seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Request to Change the CIP Code for Economics Programs

Faik A. Koray, Chair of the Economics Department, said the request is to change the code from general economics to econometrics and quantitative economics. This change will reflect the quantitative and analytic nature of their programs. Lockridge made a motion to approve the CIP code change, Pojman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Authorship of Dissertations

Richardson referenced the posted materials and provided a brief synopsis of the topic. The Council discussed the topic in 2015, but nothing was finalized. Richardson stated the Graduate Council discussed this in 2015 with no final resolution. He recommended that a subcommittee of 3-4 people research the topic further to determine if a better policy is needed. Three council members (Pojman, Seifried, and Sharky) volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee will have a report at the next meeting.

Academic Renewal Policy (Academic Bankruptcy Policy)

Richardson reported that the ASH Committee recently reviewed the Academic Bankruptcy policy. They suggested changing the name to the "Academic Renewal Policy." They also wanted a statement about the policy's purpose and the reason for making updates. Richardson believes this policy may be useful in limited cases when a student starts graduate school and then performs poorly. He added the current reinstatement policy is beneficial for the majority of

students. Perry made a motion to approve changing the name of the policy to Academic Renewal Policy and seconded by Sharky. The motion passed with one opposed and no abstentions.

Old Business

Proposed Revision Remote Participation

Richardson recapped the earlier discussion of revising the policy and emphasized the table included in the second revision by Andy Maverick. Richardson also added a link to the form online and a statement about students participating remotely. Sharky expressed uncertainty about current technology supporting remote participation. In response, Richardson and Pojman agreed, however, it is the responsibility of the student and the committee members to make sure there are no technical difficulties during the exam. Raffoul asked for further clarification about who needs prior approval from the Graduate School and making the distinction between the first and second person. Lockridge responded that the presumption is that everyone on the committee is under the direction of the committee chair. The Committee Chair can grant one member permission to participate remotely and would have to submit a request to the Graduate School on behalf of the second person unable to attend the exam. Lockridge and Broussard recommended including a statement that indicates the student or committee members should submit all requests to the chair, in the event of rare/extreme circumstances preventing him/her from being available to attend the exam. The Graduate Council will vote on the final revision of the policy.

Review of LSU Online Presentation

Broussard asked members to share their thoughts and give feedback on the presentation. Lockridge expressed appreciation after learning departments can convert individual courses to online without being mandated to change the entire degree program. Broussard recalled Thackaberry saying that LSU Online would provide expertise, service, and support. Some faculty may need additional clarity on the topic. There are some other questions about the quality control of admissions, hiring, promotion & tenure, and program offerings. Some questions that should be answered by the Provost or LSU Online is below:

- How do you define an online course?
- Does faculty have to be in residence or remotely?
- Will the faculty be at a different institution and facilitate an online course?
- How does this affect the faculty tenure-track process?
- Will the faculty member be considered a full-time employee?
- How will credit for life experience be assessed?

Seifried believes someone should address the topic of the conversion of credit hours between the main campus and LSU Online. Broussard requested feedback from the Associate Deans and would like to continue the LSU Online discussion at future meetings.

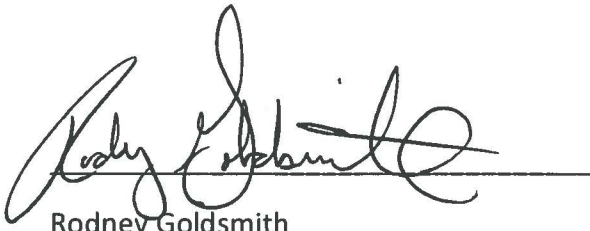
Standing Committee Reports

- **Promotion & Tenure- Chance:** No Report.
- **Awards- Pojman:** No Report.
- **Graduate Faculty - de Queiroz:** Stated the sub-committee will continue to vote on nominees and forward them to the Council. The Council will only be asked to vote for nominees without a unanimous vote. The nominees with unanimous votes and those without unanimous votes will be divided into sections with the appropriate label.
- **Graduate Council Webpage- Adams:** No report.

Meeting Adjourned- 2:49 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2018, from 10:00 – 11:30 am in 135 Thomas Boyd Hall.

Recorded by:

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Rodney Goldsmith
Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:

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Malcolm Richardson
Interim Dean of the Graduate School