

**Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
Saint Louis University
Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 9, 2021**

Present: Martha Allen, Marissa Cope, Jami Curley, Felicia Echols, Henrietta Ehrenreich, Jesus Garcia-Martinez, Elizabeth Gockel-Blessing, Jay Haugen, Riyadh Hindi, Donna Jahnke, Anne Sebert Kuhlmann, Irma Kuljanishvili, Helen Lach, Ben Looker, Stephen Magoc, Hisako Matsuo, Srikanth Mudigonda, Ann Scarlett, Abbey Schnell, Mitchell Stevens, Christopher Thomas, April Trees, Robert Wood, Gina Yosten

Excused: Anthony Greatbatch (Replace by Elizabeth Gackle-Blessing)

The Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was presented to the committee for approval. The motion passed. The committee adopted the agenda with no additions.

Associate Provost's Remarks

Congratulations to the Department of Arts & Sciences and Parks College of Engineering, Aviation, and Technology as Genevieve Hillard, Ph.D. candidate, received the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Research Award.

Minutes

The corrected February 2021 and March 2021 minutes were presented for approval. Both minutes were passed with no corrections.

Correspondence

None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE:

Joseph Schafer – College of Public Health & Social Justice: MA Criminology & Criminal Justice

The program change form for the MA Criminology & Criminal Justice proposes a dual program proposal for Social Work and Criminal Justice. The dual degree would leverage the close, collaborative relationship that exists between the two-degree programs. By counting MACCJ courses as some MSW electives and defining a new fourth concentration Social Work, the MACCJ will draw from courses in two MSW tracks Community & Organization and Clinical. The dual degree can be offered in 69 credit hours.

No discussion by the committee. Motion made by Jami Curley for dual degree submission. Seconded by Irma Kuljanishvili. Motion passed.

No discussion by the committee. Motion made by Riyadh Hindi for concentration addition. Seconded by Ann Scarlett. Motion passed.

Mark Pousson – College of Education and Public Service

The College of Education and Public Service is responding to the inquires made by the committee about the Higher Education Administration Ph.D. program. Once the department has addressed all concerns, a follow-up report will be provided to the committee.

Elizabeth A. Gockel-Blessing – Doisy College of Health Sciences Education

The Department of Communication Science and Disorders is proposing a department and program name change to Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences.

No discussion by the committee. Committee accepted program changes by consensus.

Dr. John Buerck and Tracey Chapman – School of Professional Studies

The School of Professional Studies is proposing a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutic Management. The Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutic Management certificate would be a four-course (12 credits) program. The three main distinctions that set SLU's program apart from the rest are:

1. Industry expert faculty who developed and will teach the curriculum.
2. Connections with industry partners that support the program.
3. The ability for the online student to attend and interact with industry professionals through introductions and research.

Discussion by the committee with proposed amendment to add a director. Motion made by Riyadh Hindi with amendment. Seconded by Christopher Thomas. Motion passed.

New Business

None

Announcements/Issues

Hisako Matsuo – Department of Sociology and Anthropology offered a symposium with a student competition through Zoom.

Ben Looker – Inquired about timelines for graduate fellowships and department recruitment to remain competitive. Dr. Wood stated future fellowship opportunities and timelines are currently under review.

Martha Allen – Discussed how the staff kept the library opened during COVID.

The GAAC adjourned the meeting.

Felicia C. Echols
Graduate Coordinator

Dr. Robert Wood
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs