

**Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
Saint Louis University
Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 13, 2022**

Present: Martha Allen, Palash Bera, Latoya Cash, Marissa Cope, Felicia Echols, Michael Elliot, Riyadh Hindi, Irma Kuljanishvili, Helen Lach, Joe Lyons, Hisako Matsuo, Shreya Nagendra, Mark Pousson, William Rehg, Kristi Richter, Ann Scarlett, April Trees, and Robert Wood

Excused: Christopher Arnatt, Anthony Breitbach, David Cassens, Audra Frick, Jesus Garcia-Martinez, Elizabeth Gockel-Blessing, Christine Harper, Stacey Harrington, Jay Haugen, Simon Rentea, Steven Sanchez, Abigail Schnell, and Theodore Vitali

The Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) meeting was called to order at 9:00 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

No remarks

Minutes

The April minutes were approved with no corrections.

Correspondence

None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE:

Dr. Hisako Matsuo – IRB Issues

Departments will be asked to compile a list of courses that require data collection and IRB proposals. Dr. Matsuo, Dr. Trees, and Dr. Lach will draft a communication to departments to retrieve this information.

Dr. Palash Bera - School of Business: Master of Accounting Program – STEM Concentration

The Department of Accounting is proposing to make a non-substantial change to the Master of Accounting program by adding a STEM-certified concentration named Business Analysis and Reporting. To attain this concentration, students need to take three additional STEM courses besides the required courses for the MACC program. All courses required for this concentration are existing courses. The additional STEM courses include Financial Statement Analysis (ACCT 6190) and ITM graduate-level business analytics, database management, and business strategy courses.

The following are friendly amendments to the proposal:

- Ensure that experimental and special topic courses are not included as a specific class for the STEM concentration.
- Ensure the required courses for the concentration and what is listed in the course catalog are consistent.

The committee accepted the program change by consensus with friendly amendments.

Dr. April Trees and Dr. Riyadh Hnidi - GAAC Bylaws Proposed Amendments

Bylaw updates to 3.0 Membership Section I were proposed to reflect changes to the organization of academic units. This includes the reorganization of the College of Arts and Sciences and Parks College of Engineering and Aviation that will lead to a College of Arts and Sciences and a School of Science and Engineering, the separation of the College for Public Health and Social Justice and School of Social Work, and the move of Centers to colleges and schools over the past few years.

The following friendly amendments were made to the proposed updates to the GAAC Bylaws.

1. Updated the School of Business name
2. Updated the School of Nursing name

Riyadh Hindi motioned to accept the proposed GAAC Bylaws changes. Helen Lach seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Announcements/Issues

The GAAC adjourned the meeting.

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