

## UNL Graduate Council Minutes

April 6, 2023

Location: Zoom

2:30 p.m.

Attending: Jennifer Clarke, Geoffrey Friesen, Adam Houston, Venn Jemkur, Xu Li, Maria Marron, Katie Mowat, Elizabeth Niehaus, and Brenda Wristen. Dean Hope Presiding. Guest observer, Kevin Shriner, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Digital & Online Learning, and Guest Adam Wagler, Associate Dean of Academic Programs for the College of Journalism and Mass Communication and Graduate Chair for Journalism.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2023 Meeting

Move to approve, seconded, and unanimously approved.

2. Graduate Certificate in Sport Promotion (new)

Adam Wagler spoke about the need for the certificate. The proposed certificate is meant for students interested in undertaking work in the areas of sports media, communication, and promotion. Course work represents existing courses regularly offered by the College of Journalism and Mass Media. The 12-credit-hour certificate can apply toward the complete 36-hour master's degree, the Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications with a specialization in Integrated Media Communications or Professional Journalism. The current proposal is fully online if desired by students. SPMC 864 is offered in person but this course is not required. In response to questions from the Council, Wagler indicate the department can handle the capacity projected with their recent hires who have expertise in the area, with current resources. Overlap between other existing programs was discussed but Wagler indicated this is a separate program. Wagler was excused. The motion was made to approve the new graduate certificate and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

3. Student Appeal of Termination of Program

A student in Earth and Atmospheric Science graduate program appealed termination of their program. Following an extended discussion, one Council member noted that the information provided by the student was insufficient to overturn the recommendation of the program and decision of the Graduate Dean. A motion to deny the appeal and uphold the termination was made and seconded. There were 8 votes in favor of the motion and 1 against. The appeal was denied.

4. Discussion of Course Proposals-

There were no course proposals to discuss. Dean Hope advised with the new Graduate College Bylaws and Polices we will be implementing a new designation of an 800-900 Course as Practice of the Discipline coming by fall and more information to will be shared soon.

5. Graduate Student Assembly Report- New GSA President Katie Mowat reported on the final meeting of the year for the GSA on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Mowat summarized the work of GSA for the year as reported out at that meeting.

6. Announcements

- a. Graduate Council Elections are coming soon. Nominations for the areas of Business and Physical Sciences will be open.
- b. Beth Niehaus will serve as representative to Executive Graduate Council
- c. Jennifer Clark initiating a discussion of policy around distinctions between 800 and 900 level courses. This will be added to a later agenda for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned: 4:09pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cordonier