Graduate Council Minutes
Thursday – January 16, 2025
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Note: Course changes and additions will not take effect until they are listed in the graduate catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (*) must have approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before listing in the graduate catalog. Items marked with a plus (+) must be approved by the Department of Education before being listed in the graduate catalog.

Graduate Council Voting Members: *Rose Baker, Ana Cleveland, Gurpreet Dhillon (absent), Mariya Gavrilova Aguilar, Michael Greig, Jaymee Haefner, Jennifer Lane, Maurizio Manzo, Olav Richter (absent), Dalena Taylor, Anto Verghese, Lawrence Williams*

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer Lane:
- Welcomed back all Graduate Council members and attendees; hoped everyone had a great break, first meeting of the Spring semester
- Thanked Lawrence for covering in her absence
- Thanked everyone for working together in getting these proposals in for this month's meeting
- Passed to Victor Prybutok our GC Administrative Co-Chair

Victor Prybutok:
- Welcomed all Graduate Council members

Jennifer Lane:
- Reminded/illustrated to voting members on how to submit their vote
- Called the meeting to order

II. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE ON ITEM II-1. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM II-1. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM II-1

II-1. Approval of November 21, 2024, minutes

III. CHAIR / TGS DISCUSSION ITEMS / ACTION ITEMS / INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES

College of Health & Public Service

Department of Criminal Justice

MOTION TO APPROVE ON ITEM IV-1. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM IV-1. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM IV-1.

IV-1. CJUS 5150 - Women and Crime

> **Description:** Examines theoretical explanations of female offending and the experiences of women in the criminal justice system.

V. REQUEST FOR ADD NEW OR DELETE EXISTING MAJOR/PROFESSIONAL FIELD, CONCENTRATION, OPTION, MINOR, CERTIFICATE (excluding GACs), OR SPECIALIZATION

VI. REQUEST FOR ALL GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

VII. REQUEST FOR NEW GRADUATE TRACK PATHWAYS

College of Engineering

Department of Mechanical Engineering

**MOTION TO APPROVE ON ITEM VII-1. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM VII-1. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VII-1.

VII-1. Mechanical Engineering Technology, BSET with grad track option leading to Mechanical and Energy Engineering, MS (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26)

> **Justification:** This grad track pathway provides the opportunity for any qualified Mechanical Engineering Technology Bachelor's (MEET-BSET, 122 SCH) student to complete a Mechanical and Energy Engineering Master's (MEEN-MS, 30 SCH). Students can transfer up to 9 graduate credits from their MEET-BSET degree to MEEN-MS program, for a combined minimum total of 143 SCH. Additional leveling courses for students not having an undergraduate degree in the destination department may be required and not count towards the graduate degree plan. Qualified students have a minimum 3.5 GPA.

College of Health & Public Service

Department of Emergency Management & Disaster Science

**MOTION TO APPROVE ON ITEM VII-2. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM VII-2. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VII-2.

VII-2. Emergency Administration and Planning, BS with grad track leading to Emergency Management and Disaster Science, MS

> **Justification:** Our department seeks to provide a grad track pathway to outstanding undergraduate emergency management students to complete both a Bachelor of Science in EADP and a Master of Science in EMDS in five years. Students would first earn a bachelor's degree in EADP and then a Master's in EMDS. Given our undergraduate curriculum and the department's ongoing commitment to balancing theory and practice when delivering our undergraduate courses, we feel exposing advanced undergraduate emergency management students to disaster science (e.g. the science that guides emergency management practice), during their last two semesters of study not only prepares them for high-level positions in the emergency management field, but it will offer them a well-rounded education in both areas.
>
> Additionally, students on the Grad Track Pathway would seamlessly satisfy the requirements for the undergraduate degree while also providing them an opportunity to move efficiently through their graduate studies. Given the increasing demand for emergency managers with master's degrees for many government employers (e.g. FEMA, Texas Dept. of Emergency Management, many local emergency management offices

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in large US cities) in addition to the rapidly growly private and nonprofit sectors, this degree would make these students more competitive in an evolving job market.

College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism

Department of Merchandising & Digital Retailing

MOTION TO APPROVE ON ITEM VII-3. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM VII-3. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VII-3.

VII-3. **Consumer Experience Management, BS with grad track option leading to Merchandising and Digital Retailing, MS** (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: There is a current demand from students who complete the program in 2025-26)

Justification: The proposed Grad Track in CEXM will provide exceptional students with the opportunity to pursue an accelerated pathway across all degree programs. This initiative allows CEXM majors to take 6-9 credit hours of undergraduate courses at the graduate level, enabling them to complete both degrees in a shorter time frame and gain a competitive advantage in the workforce.

VIII. REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM, MAJOR, MINOR, DEGREE, OPTION, CONCENTRATION OR REQUIREMENTS

G. Brint Ryan College of Business

MOTION TO APPROVE ON ITEMS VIII-1. THROUGH VIII-6. AS A BLOCK - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEMS VIII-1. THROUGH VIII-6. AS A BLOCK - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEMS VIII-1. THROUGH VIII-6.

VIII-1. **Business Administration, DBA** (change in other; catalog update) (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: Catalog needs to reflect new grad application process and platform (GradCAS))

Justification: We are updating the catalog page for the RCoB DBA to match the new application system UNT is implementing.

VIII-2. **Business Administration, MBA** (change in requirements) (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: RCoB does not want to enforce background requirement for current and new students)

Justification: The G. Brint RCoB is deleting the Business Law background requirement for the following concentrations under the BUSI-MBA:

Business Studies	Marketing Analytics
Finance	Music Business
Financial Planning	Organization Behavior & Human Resources
Health Services Management	Strategic Management
Information Technology	Supply Chain Analytics
Marketing	Supply Chain Management

VIII-3. **Management Consulting, MBA** (change in requirements; no change in hours) (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: RCoB does not want to enforce background requirement for current and new students)

Justification: The G. Brint RCoB is deleting the Business Law background requirement for the MBA in Management Consulting.

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Department of Information Technology & Decision Sciences

VIII-4. <u>Business Analytics, MBA</u> (change in requirements; no change in hours) (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: RCoB does not want to enforce background requirement for current and new students)

Justification: The G. Brint RCoB is deleting the Business Law background requirement for the MBA in Business Analytics.

Department of Management

VIII-5. <u>Management Consulting, MBA</u> (change in requirements; no change in hours) (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: Registrar asked for clean-up also new format of program will start to be offered FY 25-26)

Justification: The MBA in Management Consulting is adding MGMT 5230 Management Consulting in the track section, and removing MGMT 5660 International Management. MGMT 5870 and MGMT 5900 have also not been taught in this degree for some years and will be replaced with BUSI 5520 Industry Visits and BUSI 5510 Management Innovation and Creativity. Attached is also clean-up for the catalog page for the MBA in Management Consulting.

VIII-6. <u>Sport Entertainment Management, MBA</u> (change in requirements; no change in hours) (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: RCoB does not want to enforce background requirement for current and new students)

Justification: The G. Brint RCoB is deleting the Business Law background requirement for the MBA in Sport Entertainment Management program.

College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism

Department of Hospitality, Event and Tourism Management

MOTION TO APPROVE ON ITEM VIII-7. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM VIII-7. - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VIII-7.

VIII-7. <u>Hospitality and Tourism Data Analytics, MS</u> (change in requirements; no change in hours) (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: same as justification.)

Justification: Due to a recent schedule change, one of the required class, CMHT6600, is no longer offered. Therefore, we need to provide our current students with more options to help them graduate on time.

A. In Grad Track

College of Engineering

Department of Mechanical Engineering

MOTION TO APPROVE ON ITEMS VIII-8. THROUGH VIII-12. AS A BLOCK - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEMS VIII-8. THROUGH VIII-12. AS A BLOCK - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEMS VIII-8. THROUGH VIII-12.

VIII-8. <u>Construction Engineering Technology, BSET with grad track option leading to Engineering Management, MS</u> (change in requirements; change in hours; clarity)

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Justification: Requirements -courses that can be selected for the grad track program- are being updated. Required SCH for the Master's in Engineering Management is being reduced from 33 to 30 SCH. Therefore, students can still transfer up to 9 graduate credits from their CNET-BSET degree (123 SCH) to EMGT-MS program (30 SCH), but their combined minimum total of SCH will now be 144 SCH.

VIII-9. Construction Management, BS with grad track option leading to Engineering Management, MS (change in requirements; change in hours; clarity)

Justification: Requirements -courses that can be selected for the grad track program- are being updated. Required SCH for the Master's in Engineering Management is being reduced from 33 to 30 SCH. Therefore, students can still transfer up to 9 graduate credits from their CONM-BS degree (120 SCH) to EMGT-MS program (30 SCH), but their combined minimum total of SCH will now be 141 SCH.

VIII-10. Mechanical Engineering Technology, BSET with grad track option leading to Engineering Management, MS (change in requirements; change in hours; clarity)

Justification: Requirements -courses that can be selected for the grad track program- are being updated. Required SCH for the Master's in Engineering Management is being reduced from 33 to 30 SCH. Therefore, students can still transfer up to 9 graduate credits from their MEET-BSET degree (122 SCH) to EMGT-MS program (30 SCH), but their combined minimum total of SCH will now be 143 SCH.

VIII-11. Mechanical and Energy Engineering, BS with grad track option leading to Engineering Management, MS (change in requirements; change in hours; clarity)

Justification: Requirements -courses that can be selected for the grad track program- are being updated. Required SCH for the Master's in Engineering Management is being reduced from 33 to 30 SCH. Therefore, students can still transfer up to 9 graduate credits from their MEEN-BS degree (127 SCH) to EMGT-MS program (30 SCH), but their combined minimum total of SCH will now be 148 SCH.

VIII-12. Mechanical and Energy Engineering, BS with grad track option leading to Mechanical and Energy Engineering, MS (change in requirements)

Justification: Grad track program requirements (courses that can be taken) are being updated since the requirements of the Mechanical and Energy Engineering, MS program are updated. The change will provide grad track students more flexibility in selecting graduate courses.

IX. REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

X. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION TO APPROVE ON ALL ITEMS UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR FROM X-1. THROUGH X-4. AS A BLOCK – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
MOTION TO VOTE ON ALL ITEMS UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR FROM X-1. THROUGH X-4. AS A BLOCK – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEMS X-1. THROUGH X-4.

A. Course Changes

G. Brint Ryan College of Business

Department of Information Technology & Decision Sciences

X-1. BCIS 5140 - Artificial Intelligence in Business

Prerequisite: BCIS 5110 or course equivalent or consent of department (can be taken concurrently).

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Department of Management

X-2. MGMT 5230 - Management Consulting (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: Course is being offer FY 25-26 for MBA Management Consulting)

Course Title: Management Consulting
Short Course Title: MANAGEMENT CONSULTING
Description: Introduces students to the management consulting profession with primary focus on required skill sets. The course works to prepare students to apply consulting approaches and skills in experiential projects with UNT corporate partners and in the profession.

College of Information

Department of Information Science

X-3. INFO 5223 - Metadata for Information Organization and Retrieval I (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: To better reflect the current relevant UNT DIS course offerings in the prerequisite options available to students.)

   Prerequisite: INFO 5200 or INFO 5208, or equivalent, or consent of department

X-4. INFO 5224 - Metadata for Information Organization and Retrieval II (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: To better reflect the current relevant UNT DIS course offerings in the prerequisite options available to students.)

   Prerequisite: INFO 5223 or INFO 4223, or equivalent introductory metadata course, or consent of department.

B. Course Deletions

C. Information Item - THECB Delete

D. Information Item - Documenting Changes

NO NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

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