

Graduate Council Minutes
January 11, 2017
3:00PM – 5:00PM
Hurley Administration Board Room #204

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.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. MINUTES

***Approval with friendly amendment to items IV-10. and IV-11. Items were not approved as a block, but independently, due to questions in regards to item IV-11.**

**5 MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL, INCLUDING 2 PROXIES
2 ABSTAINED (NOT IN ATTENDANCE FOR DISCUSSION AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING)**

II-1. Approval of December 15, 2016 minutes.

III. CHAIR / TGS DISCUSSION ITEMS

***Approval with friendly amendment for Dr. Oppong to work with the Registrar's Office so that a note can be placed on a student's record indicating requirements that must be completed in order for the grade of 'I' to be changed; otherwise, 'I' will default to 'F' after one academic year.**

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

III-1. Council Voting Item: Change to Incomplete Removal Policy

Current Policy: *A student may remove a grade of 'I' within one year by completing the stipulated work. After the student completes the stipulated work, the instructor then records the final grade on the UNT Grade Change Form and obtains the department chair's signature. For graduate students, the office of the graduate dean in the Toulouse Graduate School completes processing with the Registrar's Office, where the grade point average is adjusted accordingly. If the student does not complete the stipulated work within the time specified (not to exceed one year after taking the course), the instructor may change the grade of I to a grade of F, if appropriate. The GPA is adjusted accordingly.*

New Policy: *A student may remove a grade of 'I' within one year by completing the stipulated work. After the student completes the stipulated work, the instructor then records the final grade on the UNT Grade Change Form and obtains the department chair's signature. For graduate students, the office of **the Vice-Provost of the Toulouse Graduate School** completes processing with the Registrar's Office, where the grade point average is adjusted accordingly. If the student does not complete the stipulated work within the time specified (not to exceed one year after taking the course), ~~the instructor may change the grade of I to a grade of F, if appropriate~~ **the grade will default to F unless the instructor has designated a different automatic grade.** The GPA is adjusted accordingly.*

IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

College of Information

Department of Library and Information Sciences

IV-1. INFO 6200 – Theory Development in the Information Sciences – 3 Semester Credit Hours

Description: Focuses on the structural components and research processes related to the origination, construction, and evolution of theory in information science, library science, and related social science disciplines. This seminar will provide students with an awareness of the historical and social conditions that influence a tradition of ideas. The course will explore the nature of theory from a philosophical and analytical perspective. Students will become acquainted with the relationship between creative discovery and the nature of epistemological knowledge.

Justification: Doctoral students in the Interdisciplinary Information Sciences PhD Program need exposure to theory development specifically within IS and beyond that of the core information retrieval and information behavior theories. This seminar specifically looks at how theories from related social sciences have influenced the growth of information science as a discipline and how to develop theory for IS.

- V. **REQUEST FOR ADD OR DELETE OF A DEGREE/MAJOR/PROFESSIONAL FIELD/CONCENTRATION/OPTION/MINOR/CERTIFICATE**
- VI. **REQUEST FOR ALL GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES**
- VII. **REQUEST FOR GRADUATE TRACK PATHWAYS**
- VIII. **REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM/ MAJOR/ MINOR/ DEGREE/ OPTION REQUIREMENTS**

***Approval with friendly amendment to remove 'department or school' from the original definition of a minor for future catalog reference.**

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

VIII-1. TGS Minor Policy: The Graduate School has always stood by the statement that is underlined here. Perhaps if Grad Council can make a statement that they stand by this or not we can let the Registrar's office know for future minors.

A minor is defined as graduate work completed outside of the student's major ~~department or school~~. Minor areas of study can only be chosen from academic areas in which the University of North Texas is already authorized to offer a major or concentration, or where specific Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approval has been given to offer courses for the purposes of a minor.

- IX. **REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**
- X. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEMS X-1. THRU X-5. AS A BLOCK – UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

ITEMS X-1. THRU X-5. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS A BLOCK.

EXCEPTION REQUESTED – ITEMS X-1. THRU X-5. WILL APPEAR IN THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC CATALOG.

A. Course Changes

College of Public Affairs and Community Service

Department of Disability and Addiction Rehabilitation

X-1. AGER 6200 – Research Methods and Design (Prefix)

Prefix: ~~AGER~~ > HLSR

X-2. AGER 6420 – Health Services Research (Prefix)

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Prefix: ~~AGER~~ > HLSR

X-3. AGER 6760 – Grant Proposal Writing in Community Development (Prefix)

Prefix: ~~AGER~~ > HLSR

X-4. AGER 6880 – Analysis and Writing for Reporting and Publication (Short Course Title, Prefix)

Short Course Title: ~~ANALYSIS AND WRITING FOR REPOR~~ > ANALYSIS REPORT AND PUBL

Prefix: ~~AGER~~ > HLSR

X-5. RHAB 5410 – Advanced Counseling Techniques in Rehabilitation Counseling (Course Number)

Course Number: ~~5410~~ > 5722

B. Course Deletions