

**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**Thursday – November 19, 2020**  
**Zoom mtg. ID: 941 0220 5134 - 3:00PM-5:00PM**  
<https://unt.curriculog.com/agenda:409/form>

**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: Douglas Brozovic (present by proxy), Kris Chesky, Nolan Gaffney, Paul Hudak, Gwen Nisbet, Daniel Peak, Leslie Roberts, Lawrence Williams, Dale Yeatts (absent)*

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

I-1. Victor Prybutok mentioned to GC members and attendees that some voting items that were initially on the agenda were held back. Further work will need to be done in the catalog for consistency purposes in reference to transfer credits for Doctoral & Master's conferred credit hours. The items should be on the agenda for next month. TGS however will continue to accept credits from conferred degrees for new degrees.

I-2. Joseph Oppong spoke of graduate students that may be under a stressful climate and would like for everyone to reach out to students and see what we can do to assist.

I-3. Tiffany Miller, Graduate Student Council President, announced that UNT's Graduate Student Council won/was chosen as the national University Graduate Student Government of the year.

**II. MINUTES**

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

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM II-1.**

II-1. Approval of October 15, 2020 minutes

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

**IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES**

**College of Information**

**Department of Information Science**

**MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEMS IV-1. THROUGH IV-5. AS A BLOCK – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEMS IV-1. THROUGH IV-5.**

**IV-1. [INFO 5222 - Music Cataloging](#) (Requested Exception Yr.: 2021-22)**

**Description:** Bibliographic description of music resources (primarily scores and audio recordings) utilizing Resource Description and Access and Machine Readable Cataloging; construction and application of name, title, and subject access points; music subject analysis using Library of Congress Subject Headings, Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms, and Library of Congress Medium of Performance Thesaurus; music subject classification using Library of Congress Classification System.

**Department of Learning Technologies**

**IV-2. LTEC 5640 - Organization Development, Technology, and Change**

**Description:** Study of organization development theories, models, and practices. Emphasis on learning as an organization development intervention. Examines the role of technology in organization development, learning, and the change process. Investigates organizational issues and the need to assess, plan, and manage change to position the organization to function more effectively at the individual, group, and organizational levels through exploration of change interventions.

**IV-3. LTEC 5650 - Technology Entrepreneurship**

**Description:** Study of entrepreneurial concepts, standards, practices, and creative processes adopted by high-performing entrepreneurial enterprises with an emphasis on technology and innovation. Explores knowledge of the business process while integrating theory and technology with real world situations such as identifying market opportunities, funding techniques, risks, change, and barriers of start-up businesses. Create technology-based venture plans to enhance learning and development to meet academic and business and industry needs.

**IV-4. LTEC 5660 - Project Management for Performance Improvement**

**Description:** This course will explore the project life-cycle of defining, planning, executing and delivery. Students will learn and apply the processes and methods of project planning, management and evaluation through a simulation activity. The use of technology applications will be addressed to improve human performance and manage stakeholders.

**IV-5. LTEC 5670 - Distributed Leadership**

**Description:** This course provides an overview of the primary evolutionary trends in leadership for students to gain an understanding of what leadership is and how it is relevant for today's workplace. Students will then delve into the concept of leadership as a collective/social construct rather than an individual construct. Distributed leadership is then introduced to students providing specific perspectives on leadership and leadership development at each of the four different levels of analysis (individual, teams, multiteam systems, organizational).

**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**

**G. Brint Ryan College of Business**

**Department of Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Law**

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

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VII-1.**

**VII-1. Grad Track Pathway BBA to MS in Finance (Requested Exception Yr.: 2021-22)**

**Justification:** The Department of Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Law (FIREL) would like to build a new pathway in Finance to encourage its brightest student to move into graduate study after completing their bachelors degrees. The selected pathway courses mirror learning objectives and the partnership makes good sense for those students ready for advanced study.

Students will be required to hold a 3.5 GPA at the time of application and be identified by the department as an exceptional candidate for the Grad Track Pathway. Final admission will demand a 3.5 GPA at the time of application, which will qualify the student for a GMAT waiver, successful completion of all GradTrack Pathway courses with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, 3 letters of recommendation, essay, resume and official application submitted and approved by the Toulouse Graduate School.

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

**G. Brint Ryan College of Business**

**Department of Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Law**

**MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM VIII-1. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VIII-1.**

**VIII-1. MS in Finance (Change in requirements & other: prerequisites) (Requested Exception Yr.: 2021-22)**

**Justification:** RCOB's Finance faculty are changing the curriculum for the MS in Finance to allow for more options in course selection:

(view proposal for listed courses)

BACKGROUND COURSES

FOUNDATION (CORE) COURSES - 18 HOURS

ELECTIVE COURSES (12 Hours Selected From)

**College of Information**

**Department of Information Science**

**MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEMS VIII-2. THROUGH VIII-4. AS A BLOCK – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEMS VIII-2. THROUGH VIII-4.**

**VIII-2. Information Science with a concentration in Cybersecurity, PhD (Change in requirements)**

**Justification:** Remove CJUS 5120 from both concentration electives. The course is no longer taught.

**VIII-3. Information Science with a concentration in Geospatial Information Science, PhD (Change in requirements)**

**Justification:** Remove CJUS 5120 from both concentration electives. The course is no longer taught.

**VIII-4. Information Science with a concentration in Journalism, PhD (Change in requirements)**

**Justification:** There is a need to update the Journalism concentration for the IS PhD to reflect the current trends in Journalism and better prepare students for the Journalism concentration.

**Preliminary Information:** Concentration core courses will be reduced to 15 hours. INFO 5745 (Information Architecture) will be dropped and Jour 5300 (Theories of Mass Communication) will be replaced with JOUR 5040 (Media Studies and Theories); new electives are to be added.

**A. In Grad Track**

**IX. REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**

**X. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Course Changes**

**G. Brint Ryan College of Business**

**Department of Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Law**

**MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM X-1. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM X-1.**

X-1. **FINA 5310 - Advanced Topics in Financial Management** (Description) (Requested Exception Yr.: 2021-22)

**Description:** ~~Introduces the student to the use of financial decision models. Also focuses on the application of advanced theoretical models and provides an understanding of the interaction of financial decisions.~~ > This course considers the application of risk, return, and net present value concepts in the context of corporate decision-making. In addition to a discussion of the implications of market efficiency and agency problems on corporate decisions, the core issues of dividend policy and capital structure are examined in detail. Students learn option valuation techniques and apply these to real options found in the corporate setting.

**B. Course Deletions**

**C. Information Item-THECB Delete**

**NO NEW BUSINESS**

**REQUEST TO ADJOURN MEETING – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**