

Graduate Studies Council AY 2019-2020
Minutes from Meeting 2, PSC 341, Oct. 11, 2019
Approved by the GSC 02/14/2020

Present: Gaston Brouwer, George L. Israel, Francisco Lopez, Benita Muth, Neil Rigole, Sabrina Wengier, Sumitra Himangshu, Kevin Cantwell (ex officio), Maritza Bell-Corrales, Kinzie Lee.
Excused Absences: Scott Spangler, Gerald Lucas, Bill Hervey, Stephanie Tolliver, Ed Steigerwald.

Call to order: Neil Rigole, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

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discussion, Israel made a motion to approve the suggested changes, which were as follows: “A graduate student may repeat/retake a maximum of two graduate level courses for credit only with permission of the dean that houses the degree program or his/her designee.” Francisco Lopez seconded the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. One member, Francisco Lopez, opposed.

2. Following, a council member proposed that catalog language stating “no graduate courses can be repeated more than two times” be revised as “No graduate course can be repeated more than once.” Francisco Lopez moved to approve, Kinzie Lee seconded, and the motion carried by a voice vote.
3. Lastly, Sumitra Himangshu proposed including language stating that “

- b. The Council reviewed numerous revisions proposed for the language of Academic Standing Policy. Dean Cantwell again stressed the importance of proposing policies that can be consistently applied and documented, and that aid the student in progression through a program. Francisco Lopez expressed his concern that the university-level policy be flexible enough to allow for variations with the units/schools. Secondly, he believed that these policies do not sufficiently account for students who might belong to two different programs at the same time. Regarding the proposed language changes, council members proposed retaining/reverting to language that states “graduate program” in the original catalog, as opposed to accepting the proposed revision, “graduate coursework”, as well as to change “term” to “semester”. Sumitra Himangshu moved to approve this recommendation, and Francisco Lopez seconded it. The motion carried by voice vote.
5. New Business: The Council reviewed the policy concerning accepting transfer credits used for another awarded degree. One proposal called for the addition of a sentence to the existing language in the catalog stating, “Courses that have been used toward a degree at another institution may be accepted at the discretion of the dean of the school that houses the program.” However, council members argued that this sentence does not change or add to the existing language. A motion was made to approve the existing language in the catalog concerning current transfer credit policy, with only a slight modification, changing “dean” to “dean or his/her designee”. Sumitra Himangshu moved to approve and Gaston Brouwer seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.
6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. George L. Israel, Recorder

November 19, 2019