

UMGSB GRADUATE COUNCIL

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Meeting Hosted by
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2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

MINUTES

In Attendance: Janet Rutledge, Kenneth Wong, Jeffrey Halverson, Jessica Burstrem, Nikita Aggarwal, Jamila Savage, Eun-Shim Nahm, Wendy Camelo Castillo, Niya Werts, Adam Bargteil, Andy Miller, Bethany Lee, Lucy Wilson, Michelle Starz-Gaiano, Abraham Schneider, Bill Jackson

1. **Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on March 7, 2024:** minutes were approved as written.
2. **Announcements/plans/issues UMB:**
 - Erin Golembewski:
 - UMB's Graduate Research Conference (GRC) will be held on April 12, 2024. UMBC students are welcome to attend and network with other students.
 - Following the GRC, the UMB Graduate School will host the Advancement to Candidacy ceremony, honoring students for this significant milestone.
 - UMB will host the master's and certificate ceremony on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, while the PhD ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 16, 2024.
3. **Announcements/plans/issues UMBC:**
 - Janet Rutledge:
 - Following the release of the Department of Justice's Title IX Investigation report, UMBC has experienced several leadership changes, reflecting a commitment to taking responsibility for the findings.
 - UMBC will have their second Mentoring Others Results in Excellence (MORE) Workshop on Friday, May 3rd, 2024.
 - The newly appointed Vice President of Communications and Marketing, Dr. Tracey A. Reeves, will start June 3, 2024.
4. **GSA Reports**
 - **UMB**
Nikita Aggarwal:
 - The GSA recently concluded its election process. Following the summer of 2024, a fresh board will assume leadership responsibilities.
 - The Graduate School is contemplating switching to a different dental provider as the current plan lacks comprehensive coverage, capped at \$1,000, while they are seeking coverage up to \$2,000.
 - The GSA is currently working towards securing a stipend increase. There are no updates on that issue yet.
 - **UMBC**
Jessica Burstrem:
 - GSA elections are starting next week for the Senators and the Executive Council. By next month, a new Vice President of the GSA will have been elected and will shadow the May Graduate Council meeting.
 - The leaders of the Graduate Assistants Advisory Committee (GAAC) have decided to have a separate meet and confer session for each of the 3 main colleges (CNMS, COEIT, and CAHS) to ensure that the differing needs of students in these programs are met.

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5. Committee Reports

- Program Review

- None to report.

- Long Range Planning and New Programs

- None to report.

- New Courses

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New Courses

- SOWK 836 – Advanced Qualitative Methods
 - ◆ Approved
- DEIL 798 – Capstone for DEI Practice
 - ◆ Approved pending Administrative Review
- DEIL 790 – DEI Evidence Based Tool Kit
 - ◆ Approved
- AIDD 601 – Introduction to Drug Development
 - ◆ Approved pending Administrative Review
- AIDD 602 – A-I Methodology I
 - ◆ Approved
- AIDD 603 – A-I Methodology II
 - ◆ Approved
- AIDD 604 – Drug Development Strategy
 - ◆ Approved
- AIDD 605 – Application of AI/ML to Pharmacovigilance
 - ◆ Approved
- AIDD 606 – Precision Medicine
 - ◆ Approved
- AIDD 607 – Optimizing Clinical Research
 - ◆ Approved

Change in Existing Courses

- None to report.

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New Courses

- DATA 608 – Probability and Statistics for Data Science
 - ◆ Approved

Change in Existing Courses

- None to report.

- Graduate Faculty

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- Barry, Kathryn: Associate to Regular
 - Approved

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- Dunn-Gallier, Mercedes: Non-member to Associate
 - Approved
- Knott, Cheryl: Non-member to Special
 - Approved
- Martin, Lara: Non-member to Associate
 - Approved

6. **Old Business**

- None to report.

7. **New Business**

- A motion was made to waive, upon application by the department and approval by the Graduate School, the requirement for Graduate Assistants to be enrolled as full-time students during their final semester in a Master's Program at UMBC. The motion was reviewed and approved by the full Graduate Council.

Next Meeting:
May 2, 2024
Hosted by UMBC
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