

UMGSB GRADUATE COUNCIL

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Meeting Hosted by
UMBC

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

MINUTES

In Attendance: Janet Rutledge, Erin Golembewski, Kenneth Wong, Jeffrey Halverson, Jessica Burstrem, Nikita Aggarwal, Jamila Savage, Katherin Schlegel, Eun-Shim Nahm, Wendy Camelo Castillo, Niya Werts, Patrick Wintrode, Michelle Starz-Gaiano, Kelly Westlake, Adam Bargteil, Andy Miller, Bethany Lee, Abraham Schneider, Helena Mentis

Special Guests: Pengwang Zhai and Ergun Simsek

1. **Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on February 1, 2024:** minutes were approved as written.
2. **Announcements/plans/issues UMB:**
 - Erin Golembewski:
 - UMB will host separate graduation ceremonies for the Graduate School. The ceremony for master's and certificate recipients is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, while the ceremony for PhD recipients will take place on Thursday, May 16, 2024.
 - UMB's Graduate Research Conference will be held on April 12, 2024. UMBC students are welcome to participate. The abstract submission date closes March 22, 2024.
3. **Announcements/plans/issues UMBC:**
 - Janet Rutledge:
 - UMBC will have their second Mentoring Others Results in Excellence (MORE) Workshop on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. The first MORE Workshop at UMBC was run by colleagues from the University of Michigan. However, the second workshop will be run by UMBC.
 - At the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) meeting, UMBC will have one of their 3MT winners from last year participating in the regional 3MT competition.
 - Starting July 1, 2024, the GSA will be reporting through the Division of Student Affairs instead of the Graduate School, where they will get better administrative support. The GSA will continue to attend Graduate Council and GPD meetings.
 - Graduate Student Appreciation Week at UMBC is April 1-5, 2024.
4. **GSA Reports**
 - UMB
 - Nikita Aggarwal:
 - The Graduate Research Conference will be April 12th, 2024.
 - Graduate School Open House, Saturday, April 6th, 620 W. Lexington St.
 - Gender Affirming Care: Covered under health insurance, but not offered at Student Health (medicine may be available at Student Health)
 - Dental Insurance: Graduate School is considering going with another provider because our current plan does not offer much (current max is \$1,000 in services, looking for coverage up to \$2,000).
 - The GSA e-board will be holding its elections in April, and a whole new board will be taking over after the summer of 2024.

- **UMBC**
 - Jessica Burstrem:
 - The GSA is moving to Student Affairs starting July 1, 2024.
 - GSA elections have begun. They have started receiving nominations for their incoming Senate and will soon start receiving nominations for the Executive Council.

5. Committee Reports

- **Program Review**
 - None to report.
- **Long Range Planning and New Programs**
 - Data Science, M.P.S: Approved
 - The course ENMG 652 (Management, Leadership, and Communication) isn't part of the Data Science program's core curriculum and poses scheduling challenges due to high demand. To address this, the program introduced a new course, DATA 607: Leadership in Data Science, recently approved by the Graduate Council, as a substitute without altering credit requirements.
 - Atmospheric Physics, Ph.D.: Approved
 - The program will introduce a new required course, PHYS 623 (Introduction to Atmospheric Radiation), to enhance student exposure in atmospheric physics, aiding in exam preparation and research readiness. This addition, discussed and approved by the physics department faculty, will result in a reduction of required electives from 5 to 4 while maintaining the same total credit requirements. PHYS 623 was recently approved by the Graduate Council as a new course.
- **New Courses**
 - **UMB**
 - New Courses**
 - None to report.
 - Change in Existing Courses**
 - None to report.
 - **UMBC**
 - New Courses**
 - EDHS 624 – Emergency Management for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations
 - ◆ Approved
 - KORE 601 - Korean Language, Media, and Popular Culture
 - ◆ Recommend Approve After Revision (Administrative)
 - ENME 687 – Finite Element Methods: Fundamentals and Applications
 - ◆ Recommend Approve After Revision (Administrative)
 - EDHS 625 – Leadership, Risk & Crisis Communication
 - ◆ Approve
 - ENMG 665 – Practices in Digital Transformation Strategy
 - ◆ Recommend Approve After Revision (Administrative)
 - Change in Existing Courses**

- None to report.

- Graduate Faculty

- UMB

- Longden, Thomas: Associate to Regular
 - Approved
- Wu, Junfang: Associate to Regular
 - Approved
- Zafari, Zafar: Associate to Regular
 - Approved

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- Noto, Michael: Non-member to Regular
 - Approved
- Fountain, Erika: Associate to Regular
 - Approved
- Montanez, Jorge Almodovar: Non-member to Regular
 - Approved
- Burns, Mercedes: Associate to Regular
 - Approved
- Ali, Mir: Associate to Regular
 - Approved
- Franz, Molly: Associate to Regular
 - Approved
- Ordóñez, Patricia: Non-Member to Regular
 - Approved
- Millikin, Eric: Non-Member to Associate
 - Approved

6. Old Business

- None to report.

7. New Business

- Faculty in the Language, Literacy and Culture program have not been able to come to a consensus regarding dissertations being submitted in another language other than English. UMBC's interim Provost suggests presenting both sides to the Graduate Council for feedback. Though the council may not come to a conclusion by the end of the May meeting, they would like them to ask probing questions and provide feedback. Two suggested policies will be provided prior to the May meeting for review.

Next Meeting:
April 4, 2024
Hosted by UMB
Zoom