University Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 3pm
Meeting held via Zoom

Members Present: Drs. Daniel Bullard, Karolina Aberg, Jill Bettinger, Chin-Chih Chen, Nicole Lee, Oonagh Loughran, Nastassja Lewinski, Carla Nye, Luiz Ozak, Julie Patterson, Angela Reynolds, Sarah Seashols-Williams, Rita Shiang, Melissa Stewart, Fengchun Tang, Collen Thoma, Paul Thulin-Jimenez, and Stephen Vitiello

Guest: Marco Aldi, Julio Alvarez, Lisa Anderson, Meredith Baines, Clive Baumgarten, Bridget Byrne, Tracey Gendron, Austen Gouldman, Keith Kirk, Karen McIntyre, Jana McQuaid, Teresa Nadder, Allison Schumacher, Keith Shelton, Veronica Shuford, and Jennifer Tennison

I. The November 2020 UGC minutes were approved electronically.

II. Action Items

College of Health Professions – ALL APPROVED

Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Program Revisions and Name Change
  • MS-MLS-AV : Medical Laboratory Sciences, Master of Science (M.S.), advanced master’s concentration
  • MS-MLS-CT : Medical Laboratory Sciences, Master of Science (M.S.), categorical concentration

Department of Gerontology
Certificate Revision and Designation Change
  • CGR-AGS : Aging Studies, Certificate in (Graduate certificate)

College of Humanities and Sciences – ALL APPROVED

Department of Chemistry
Program Revisions
  • MS-CHE : Chemistry, Master of Science (M.S.)
  • PHD-CHE : Chemistry, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
Program Revisions
  • MS-MAS-AM : Mathematical Sciences, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in applied mathematics
  • MS-MAS-MA : Mathematical Sciences, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in mathematics

Department of Mathematics, Statistical Sciences, and Operational Research
New Concentrations
  • PHD-SMS-AM : Systems Modeling and Analysis, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in applied mathematics
  • PHD-SMS-DH : Systems Modeling and Analysis, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in discrete mathematics
  • PHD-SMS-ISOR : Systems Modeling and Analysis, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in industrial statistics and operations research
  • PHD-SMS-STDC : Systems Modeling and Analysis, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in statistics and data science

Program Revision
  • PHD-SMS : Systems Modeling and Analysis, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
College of Humanities and Sciences...continued – ALL APPROVED
Robertson School of Media and Culture
Concentration Closure
- MS-MAC-IPRA : Mass Communications, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in integrated public relations and advertising with Fudan University [dual degree]

Program Revisions
- MS-MAC-INCM: Mass Communications, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in integrated communication
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da Vinci Center – APPROVED
da Vinci Center-Dean’s Office
Program Revision
- MPI-PRI : Product Innovation, Master of (M.P.I.)

Graduate School – APPROVED
Graduate School-Dean’s Office
Reactivate Admission
- MIS-INS : Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of (M.I.S.), individual program of study

School of the Arts – ALL APPROVED
Department of Theatre
Program Revisions
- MFA-THE-CD : Theatre, Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) with a concentration in costume design
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School of Business – ALL APPROVED
Business-Dean’s Office
Program Revision
- MS-BUS-FI : Business, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in finance

Department of Fire, Insurance, and Real Estate
Department of Information System
New Concentration
- MS-ISY-DSBS : Information Systems, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in data science in business

Program Revisions
- MS-ISY : Information Systems, Master of Science (M.S.)
- MS-ISY-HCMG : Information Systems, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in health care management

Program Revision and Reactivation of Admission
- MS-ISY-IRSA : Information Systems, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in information risk, security and assurance

Department of Management and Entrepreneurship
Concentration Closure
- MBA-BAD-HT : Business Administration, Master of (M.B.A.) with a concentration in human capital

School of Dentistry – APPROVED
Dentistry-Dean’s Office
Program Revision
- DDS-DENP : Dentistry, Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.)
School of Education – ALL APPROVED
Education-Dean’s Office
Permanent Suspension of Admission into a Concentration
- PHD-EDP-SEDL : Education, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in special education and disability leadership

Department of Educational Leadership
Temporary Suspension of Admission into a Concentration
- MED-EDL-ADSP : Educational Leadership, Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a concentration in administration and supervision

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Concentration Closure
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Concentration Closure and Program Closure
- CPG-TCH-EDEN : Teaching, Certificate in (Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate) with a concentration in English education

School of Medicine – ALL APPROVED
Medicine-Dean’s Office
New Programs
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Program Revisions
- MPH-MPH-APPH : Public Health, Master of (M.P.H.) with a concentration in applied public health
- MPH-MPH-EZ : Public Health, Master of (M.P.H.) with a concentration in epidemiology

Permanent Suspension of Admissions
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Program Revisions
- PHD-GEN-QTHG : Human Genetics, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in quantitative human genetics
- PHD-GEN : Human Genetics, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Department of Microbiology and Immunology
Concentration Closure
- MS-MIC-MB : Microbiology and Immunology, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in molecular biology and genetics

Department of Pharmacology
Program Revisions
- MS-PMC : Pharmacology and Toxicology, Master of Science (M.S.)
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School of Social Work – ALL APPROVED
Social Work-Dean’s Office
Concentration Closure
- MSW-SLW-NO : Social Work, Master of (M.S.W.) [NOVA]

Program Revision
- PHD-SLW : Social Work, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
VCU Life Science – ALL APPROVED
VCU Life Sciences-Dean’s Office
Program Revisions
- PHD-ILS-BGS : Integrative Life Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in behavioral and statistical genetics
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Wilder School – ALL APPROVED
LDWilder-Dean’s Office
Certificate Revision
- CPG-CRJ-X : Criminal Justice, Certificate in (Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate)
Program Revisions
- MS-CRJ : Criminal Justice, Master of Science (M.S.)
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III. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards
   No report.

B. Committee on Internal Review
   No report.

C. Committee on Policies and Procedures
   No report.

D. Committee on Program and Courses
   College of Engineering – ALL APPROVED
   Department of Computer Science
   New Course
   - CMSC 654 : Memory and Malware Forensics
   Course Revisions
   - CMSC 622 : Network and System Security
   - CMSC 697 : Directed Research
   - CMSC 702 : Computer Science Seminar

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   College of Humanities and Sciences – ALL APPROVED
   Department of Chemistry
   New Course
   - CHEM 699 : Scientific Writing in Chemistry
   Program Revisions
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College of Humanities and Sciences...continued – ALL APPROVED

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Department of Mathematics, Statistical Sciences, and Operational Research

Course Revisions
- OPER 732 : Stochastic Optimization
- SYSM 697 : Systems Research

Department of Mathematics, Statistical Sciences, and Operational Research

New Courses
- STAT 534 : Statistical Data Science I
- STAT 545 : Applied Bayesian Statistics

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Program Revision
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Department of Psychology

Course Revisions
- PSYC 634 : Social Cognition
- PSYC 673 : Diversity Dialogues

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da Vinci Center

da Vinci Center-Dean’s Office

Course Revisions
- INNO 501 : Arts Principles for Product Innovation – APPROVED
- INNO 502 : Business Principles for Product Innovation – APPROVED
- INNO 503 : Technology Principles for Product Innovation – APPROVED
- INNO 590 : da Vinci Project – APPROVED
- INNO 600 : Integrative Design Studio – APPROVED
- INNO 651 : Master’s Project in Product Innovation I – APPROVED
- INNO 652 : Master’s Project in Product Innovation II – APPROVED PENDING SYLLABUS ATTACHMENT
- INNO 691 : Topics in Product Innovation – APPROVED
- INNO 697 : Guided Study in Product Innovation – APPROVED

Program Revision – APPROVED
- MPI-PRI : Product Innovation, Master of (M.P.I.)

Graduate School – APPROVED

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Office of Health Sciences – ALL APPROVED
Health Sciences-Dean’s Office
Course Revisions
• IPEC 510 : Interprofessional Communication and the Care Coordinator I
• IPEC 511 : U.S. Health Care and Care Coordination
• IPEC 512 : Health Care Payment Models and Care Coordination
• IPEC 513 : Ethical and Legal Considerations in Care Coordination
• IPEC 514 : Hospital-based Care Coordination
• IPEC 516 : Community-based Care Coordination
• IPEC 561 : IPE Virtual Geriatric Case
• IPEC 563 : Interprofessional Complex Care Coordination

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New Course
• FIRE 540 : Financial Analytics
Course Revisions
• FIRE 621 : Cases in Financial Management
• FIRE 626 : Risk Management
• FIRE 520 : Financial Concepts of Management
• FIRE 635 : Investments and Security Analysis

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Department of Dental Special Topics
New Course
• DENS 627 : D2 Clinical Dentistry III
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Education-Dean’s Office
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Department of Counseling and Special Education
New Course
- ECSE 501 : Principles of Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health

Course Revision
- CLED 612 : Wellness Counseling

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Department of Teaching and Learning
Course Revisions
- TEDU 510 : Instructional Technology in PK-12 Environments
- TEDU 561 : Literacy Foundations: Sociological/Psychological Perspectives

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New Course
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Department of Health Behavior, and Policy
Course Revision
- SBHD 634 : Patient-Provider Interaction

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- PHD-GEN : Human Genetics, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Department of Microbiology and Immunology
Course Revision
- MICR 618 : Molecular Mechanisms of Microbial Pathogenesis

Concentration Closure
- MS-MIC-MB : Microbiology and Immunology, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in molecular biology and genetics
School of Medicine...continued – ALL APPROVED

Department of Pharmacology
Program Revisions
- MS-PMC: Pharmacology and Toxicology, Master of Science (M.S.)
- PHD-PMC: Pharmacology and Toxicology, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Department of Physiology and Biophysics
New Course
- PHIS 503: Predental Mammalian Physiology

School of Social Work – ALL APPROVED
Social Work-Dean’s Office
Course Revisions
- SLWK 603: Power, Privilege and Oppression
- SLWK 612: Advanced-standing Field Instruction
- SLWK 747: Social Work Intervention with Adolescents
- SWKD 792: Independent Study
- SWKD 898: Dissertation Research

New Course
- SWKD 890: Qualifying Examination

Concentration Closure
- MSW-SLW-NO: Social Work, Master of (M.S.W.) [NOVA]

Program Revision
- PHD-SLW: Social Work, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

VCU Life Science
VCU Life Sciences-Dean’s Office
Program Revisions
- PHD-ILS-BSGS: Integrative Life Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in behavioral and statistical genetics – APPROVED PENDING CHANGES TO DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
- PHD-ILS: Integrative Life Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – APPROVED

Center for Environmental Studies
New Course
- ENVS 627: Infographics: Visualization of Scientific Data – APPROVED
- ENVS 510: Stream Surveys – APPROVED

Wilder School – ALL APPROVED
LDWilder-Dean’s Office
New Course
- CRJS 650: Race, Public Policy and Social Stratification

Course Revision
- PADM 680: Leadership in the Public Sector

Certificate Revision
- CPG-CRJ-X: Criminal Justice, Certificate in (Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate)

Program Revisions
- MS-CRJ: Criminal Justice, Master of Science (M.S.)
- MPA-PAD-X: Public Administration, Master of (M.P.A.)

III. Minor Items for Approval by the Chair and Dean
College of Health Professions – APPROVED
Health Professions-Dean’s Office
Program Revision
- PHD-HRS: Health Related Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
  - Update to the admissions requirements
College of Humanities and Sciences – ALL APPROVED
Department of Mathematics, Statistical Sciences, and Operational Research
Course Revision
- SYSM 681 : Systems Seminar I
  - Update to the course description
Department of Psychology
Course Deletion
- PSYC 674 : Topics in Diversity II

School of the Arts – ALL APPROVED
Department of Art History
Concentration Revision
- MA-ARH-HS : Art History, Master of Arts (M.A.) with a concentration in historical studies
  - Removal of the GRE form the admissions requirements
- MA-ARH-MS : Art History, Master of Arts (M.A.) with a concentration in museum studies
  - Removal of the GRE form the admissions requirements

School of Business – ALL APPROVED
Business-Dean’s Office
Program Revisions
- MS-BUS-BGAD : Business, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in branding/art direction
  - Update to the website link in the admissions requirements
- MS-BUS-BGBT : Business, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in branding/creative brand management
  - Update to the website link in the admissions requirements
- MS-BUS-BGCW : Business, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in branding/copywriting
  - Update to the website link in the admissions requirements
- MS-BUS-BGED : Business, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in branding/experience design
  - Update to the website link in the admissions requirements
- MS-BUS-BGST : Business, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in branding/strategy
  - Update to the website link in the admissions requirements
- PHD-BUS-IS : Business, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in information systems
  - Update to the admissions deadline

School of Dentistry – APPROVED
Dental Special Topics
Course Revision
- DENS 516 : Clinical Skills II
  - Update to the course description

School of Education – APPROVED
Department of Counseling and Special Education
Program Revision
- CPG-SET : Special Education K-12 Teaching, Certificate in (Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate)
  - Update to the admissions deadline

School of Social Work – ALL APPROVED
Social Work-Dean’s Office
Course Revisions
- SLWK 695 : Block Generalist Field Instruction
  - Update to the course description
- SWKD 896 : Social Work Teaching Practicum
  - Update to the course description
School of Social Work...continued – ALL APPROVED

Social Work-Dean’s Office

Course Deletions

- SLWK 728 : The Interdisciplinary Team in Social Work Practice
- SLWK 739 : Social Work and the Law
- SLWK 740 : Social Work Crisis Intervention and Planned Short-term Treatment
- SLWK 741 : Social Work Practice and the Neurosciences
- SLWK 750 : Ethics and Social Work Practice
- SLWK 751 : Social Work Practice and AIDS
- SLWK 753 : Social Work Practice with Oppressed Racial and Ethnic Groups
- SLWK 757 : Special Topics in Clinical Social Work Practice
- SLWK 765 : Supervision
- SLWK 769 : Women’s Issues and Social Work Practice
- SLWK 773 : Program Evaluation
- SWKD 722 : Evaluation of Human Service Programs
- SWKD 724 : Constructivist Inquiry

Program Revisions

- MSW-SLW-APPP : Social Work, Master of (M.S.W.) with a concentration in administration, planning and policy practice
  - Update to the admissions deadline
- MSW-SLW-CK : Social Work, Master of (M.S.W.) with a concentration in clinical practice
  - Update to the admissions deadline

Wider School – ALL APPROVED

LDWilder GVPA-Dean's Office

Course Revisions

- PADM 627 : Workshop in Policy Analysis
  - Course name change
- PADM 654 : Program Design and Evaluation
  - Course name change

Wider School...continued – ALL APPROVED

LDWilder GVPA-Dean’s Office

Program Revisions

- PHD-PPA-CJPY : Public Policy and Administration, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in criminal justice policy
  - Removal of the GRE requirement
- PHD-PPA-PBAD : Public Policy and Administration, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in public administration
  - Removal of the GRE requirement
- PHD-PPA-PBPY : Public Policy and Administration, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in public policy
  - Removal of the GRE requirement
- PHD-PPA-URPY : Public Policy and Administration, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in urban and regional policy
  - Removal of the GRE requirement
- PHD-PPA-XX : Public Policy and Administration, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
  - Removal of the GRE requirement

IV. Changes Approved by the Graduate School (Here as informational item.)

None.

IV. Old Business

None.
V. New Business

We will hold a special session on December 15th at 2:30pm (P&C) and UGC at 4pm to review the 4+1 programs as requested by the Provost Office. UGC Council members who are able to attend the P&C committee meeting at 2:30pm are invited to do so. An email with the meeting detail will follow.

VI. Chair’s Report

Dr. Bullard would like members of UGC to provide feedback and suggestions on how to strengthen UGC and streamline processes. Please email your suggestions to Dr. Bullard (bullarddc@vcu.edu) or Jamie Taylor (taylorjl25@vcu.edu). If you don’t want your comments shared with the group, please let us know. We plan to have a meeting in January to discuss these suggestions as well as offer time to Veronica Shuford to give an overview of the SCHEV process.

Meeting adjourned: at 4:32pm.