

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

3-5 pm

March 22, 2021

By Zoom

Attendees: Jim Agutter, Feng Zhang, Robert Zheng, Marc Porter, Satu Hummasti, Laura Kessler, Nena Schvaneveldt, Clement Chow, Kristen Cloyes, Ting Ting Hong, Fred Adler, Wade Cole, Dena Ned David Freeman, and Ruba Alraqibah

Ex officio: Dave Kieda, Katie Ullman, Ann Darling, Holly Lumbert

Agenda Items:

- 1) **Graduate Admissions: Temporary use of DuoLingo to assess English Language Proficiency.** The Graduate Council heard from Kevin Perry regarding the recent decision by Credits & Admissions to accept the use of DuoLingo in undergraduate admissions for a 2 year trial to assess English language Proficiency. The Graduate Council considered a proposal to mirror the undergraduate policy for graduate admissions: specifically, for a 2 year trial, minimum threshold for admission is. Score of 105. The Graduate Council wishes to receive a report regarding the impact of this trial on graduate student success and graduation rates to see if the use of the DuoLingo test results in any issues with international student success. The proposal was passed unanimously.
- 2) **Graduate Certificate in Anatomical Health Science.** The Graduate Council requests the proposal include a description of access to online library resources that will be available to the online students in this program. There should be a letter of support for this material from the Library in the proposal. The proposal passed unanimously.
- 3) **Proposal for the Division on Multidisciplinary Design.** The proposers confirmed the change will require changes to College RPT policy, including the formation of a College Council, and RPT cases will no longer go automatically to UPTAC. The proposal passed unanimously.
- 4) **Proposal for a new emphasis: Master of Science in Clinical Investigation, Global Health Innovation and Technology.** This was reviewed and passed by Graduate Council with no changes.

- 5) **Proposal for Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health Access, Science, Coverage, Equity, Innovation, and Training (ASCENT).** The Graduate Council requires that the Language of the proposal be modified to eliminate a reference to specific political parties in the State Legislature and executive branch. As. For example, it could simply state the fact that shat 'current Utah laws have impeded access of substantial portions of the Utah to reproductive health care, including members of less affluent communities, ethnic and gender minorities, and other underserved populations. The proposal was voted upon and passed with the above requirement.

- 6) **Request for a Name Change of previously approved "Graduate Certificate in Rural, Tribal and Underserved Medicine" to "Graduate Certificate in Tribal, Rural, and Underserved Education.** Although the Graduate Council understood the benefits of having an easy to remember acronym (TRUE), the Graduate Council felt the proposed name was misleading and so it was not approved. The Graduate Council recommends an alternate name with the work 'Health" in the acronym. Some suggestion included "Graduate Certificate in Tribal, Rural, and Underserved Health (TRUH or TRU Health....noting that TRUH spells HURT backwards) or "Graduate Certificate in Tribal, Rural, and Underserved Health (TRUE). The Graduate Council welcomes a proposal for a name change along these possible lines.

- 7) **Graduate Council Review of Asian Studies Program:** The review was approved.