

Graduate Council Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2024, 3:00 pm
3105 Gardner Commons

Council Members Present: Julie Valentine, Paul Stout, Janet Lindsley, Donna Ziegenfuss, Glen Schmidt, David Symons, Misty Smith, José Gutiérrez, Codrina Rada, Robert Keiter, Kent Golic, Jay Jordan

Ex Officio Members Present: Helene Shugart, Katrina Green, Anthony Jones

Excused members: James Agutter, Brijes Mishra, Karen Paisley, Darryl Butt, Kuberan Balagurunathan

Graduate School Staff Present: Paula Spencer, Mary Anne Berzins

Welcome: Helene Shugart, Graduate School Associate Dean

Proposal: Major revisions to MS in Pharmacology & Toxicology Program
Presenters: Farzana Alam and Misty Smith, Pharmacology & Toxicology

Discussion took place about:

- Changes that will make to program more attractive to applicants
- Reduction in credits from 63.5 to 30 (more in line with university and peer master's programs)
- Updates to coursework, including more technological relevance
- Post graduation opportunities
- Department involvement and support
- Number of faculty involved in course instruction
- No similar programs in Utah and only one in the WICHE region
- Intent to seek approval for participation in WRGP

The following recommendations were discussed:

- Although there is strong justification for the change, the proposal could be improved with inclusion of a curriculum map/table that:
 - identifies individual course-level learning outcomes
 - Articulates course outcomes with program-level outcomes

Motion: Jay Jordan - Request that the proposal be revised and resubmitted to Graduate Council, revision to include a curriculum map with details that demonstrate individual course outcomes that contribute to program outcomes:

Second: José Gutiérrez

Vote: 11-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain

Action: Notify proposers of Graduate Council request for revision

7-Year Review: Department of Economics

Presentation by Ad Hoc Committee Chair: José Gutiérrez

Discussion took place about:

- Heavy service responsibilities of the Economics Department through General Education teaching
- Positive comments from external reviewers about quality of faculty
- Number of students declaring major has gone down while enrollment in General Education courses taught by Economics faculty has increased.

Motion to ratify report: Janet Lindsley

Second: Julie Valentine

Vote: 11-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain (recusal)

Introduction to Coursedog: New curriculum tracking and catalog maintenance system

Presenter: Katrina Green