

**Graduate Academic Affairs Committee  
Saint Louis University  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 12, 2021**

**Present:** Martha Allen, Marissa Cope, Jami Curley, Felicia Echols, Henrietta Ehrenreich, Jesus Garcia-Martinez, Elizabeth Gockel-Blessing, Jay Haugen, Riyadh Hindi, Donna Jahnke, Anne Sebert Kuhlmann, Irma Kuljanishvili, Helen Lach, Ben Looker, Stephen Magoc, Hisako Matsuo, Srikanth Mudigonda, Ann Scarlett, Abbey Schnell, Mitchell Stevens, Christopher Thomas, April Trees, Robert Wood, Gina Yosten

**Excused:** Anthony Greatbatch (Replace by Elizabeth Gackle-Blessing) and Mark Pousson (Replaced by Donna Jahnke)

The Associate Provost, Dr. Robert Wood, called the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was presented to the committee for approval. The motion passed. The committee adopted the agenda with no additions.

**Associate Provost's Remarks**

- o No announcements

**Minutes**

The February 2021 minutes were presented for approval. The February 2021 minutes passed with corrections.

**Correspondence**

None

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE:**

**Michael Elliott – College of Public Health & Social Justice: MA Criminology & Criminal Justice**

Due to a clerical error only the program change form for the MA Criminology & Criminal Justice was given to the committee for review. The dual program proposal for Social Work and Criminal Justice and program change forms will be discussed at the April meeting.

**Donna Jahnke – Department of Higher Education: Higher Education Administration Ph.D.**

The Higher Education Department is changing the learning outcomes to better match curricular offerings that already exist.

Rationale: N/A

Committee concerns will be emailed to Dr. Wood and then shared with the department for a response. No curriculum changes. Committee accepted program changes with reservation.

**Donna Jahnke – Department of Higher Education: Student Personnel Administration, MA**

The Higher Education Department is changing the learning outcomes to better match curricular offerings that already exist.

Rationale: N/A

No discussion by the committee. No curriculum changes. Committee accepted program changes by consensus.

**Donna Jahnke – Department of Higher Education: Certificate in Disability Administration in Higher Education**

The Higher Education Department is changing learning outcome to better match curricular offerings that already exist.

Rationale: N/A

No discussion by the committee. No curriculum changes. Committee accepted program changes by consensus.

**Donna Jahnke – Department of Higher Education: Moving GRE to optional in the Ph.D. in Higher Education**

The Higher Education Department is requesting to change the admission requirement regarding the GRE. The GRE will no longer be required but optional.

Rationale: N/A

No discussion by the committee. No curriculum changes. Committee accepted program changes by consensus.

**April Trees – Department of Computer Science: MS in Artificial Intelligence**

The Computer Science Department will add a thesis option as a research-oriented alternative to existing CSCI 4961 Artificial Intelligence Capstone Project. The composition list of AI Supporting courses will be updated.

Rationale: N/A

No discussion by the committee. No curriculum changes. Committee accepted program changes by consensus.

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

None

The GAAC adjourned the meeting.

Felicia C. Echols  
Graduation Coordinator

Dr. Robert Wood  
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs