

10/13/2017 GAC minutes

Minutes of the Graduate Academic Council meeting of October 13, 2017, 10:00 AM, UAB320
Approved by the Council on 10/31/2017 with a vote of 9-0-0

In attendance: K. Asaro-Saddler, G. Berg, K. Chan, C. Lawson, Z. Lawrence, S. Rafferty, N. Turner, J. Whyte-Dixon, K. Williams, J. Bartow (staff), C. Davis (Staff), J. Deden (Staff)

Guests: Philip Eppard – Chair, Information Studies Department
Jessica Lansing – Registrar’s Office
Shanise Kent – Graduate Education

- 1) Draft of GAC minutes from 5/8/17 Approved 7-0-0
- 2) Draft of GAC minutes from 9/26/17 Approved with correction 7-0-0
- 3) Dean’s Report – No Report
- 4) Chair’s Report – No Report
- 5) New Business – Proposed Academic Program Updates – MS in Information Science
 - a) The increasing need for Librarians gave incentive to propose an adjustment to current Info Science tracks by credit changes, consolidation of tracks, a newly disaggregated program with track leading to teaching certification, and additionally offering both programs online.
 - b) Questions from the Council made for a dialogue of field experience, assessing the equality of both the face-to-face and on-line versions, and the role of the School of Education in the certifying process.
 - c) A discussion of the possible impact on other academic units, resources, and finances was concluded with the statement of assurance from P. Eppard that there are no incremental effects on any of the mentioned concerns.
 - d) The Council requested a correction be made in the proposal’s reference to the BS/MS dual program. Dr. Eppard agreed to correct the reference to reflect that there are two separate programs.
 - e) Motions and votes were made to approve each program update separately:
 - a. Information Science, Library Science MS - Approved 8-0-0
 - b. Information Science MS - Approved 8-0-0
 - c. Information Science, Library Science MS - Online delivery- Approved 8-0-0
 - d. Information Science MS - Online delivery - Approved 8-0-0
- 6) Other Business – none
- 7) Motion made to adjourn and was approved 10-0-0
- 8) Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

End of 10/13/2017 GAC Minutes