

Minutes of the Council meeting of March 2, 2016

Approved by the Council on April 6, 2016

**In attendance:** J. Bartow (staff), P. Atrey, K. Berg, G. Burke, T. Curley (staff),  
A. Dariano (staff), C. Davis (staff), C. Herrera, M. Larsen, C. Malloch,  
C. Pastore, R. Prince, R. Toseland (Chair)

**Guests:** Karen Chico-Hurst & Melissa Powers (Registrar's Office);

1. Chair Toseland welcomed everyone.
2. Draft Minutes from the February 8, 2016 meeting were approved by the Council by a vote of 6-0-0.
3. Dean's Report – None
4. Chair's Report – Ron Toseland: Nothing to Report
5. Committee on Curriculum & Instruction Report – Chair Christopher Pastore reported a summary of proposed graduate program curriculum changes listed below that were considered by the Committee and are now recommended to the GAC for approval:

Criminal Justice MA

- Eliminating the Comprehensive Exam requirement and replacing it with a 3 credit Capstone Seminar.
- The total credits required for the program will increase from 30 to 33 credits.
- The department is establishing 3 new concentrations (Crime Causation, Prevention, and Intervention; Justice Systems; Problem Solving and Analysis). Students can still choose a general route (no concentration) and the Information Technology track (this will remain available). The 3 new concentrations consist of 9 credits each.
- These changes will be subsequently reflected in the Dual Programs currently offered through Criminal Justice (MSW/MA).

Public Sector Management CGS

- Elimination of the sub-concentration structure within the Public Management concentration. This concentration had two sub-concentrations within it: Non-profit Management or Management and Strategy. Since Non-profit Management exists as its own CGS this sub-concentration is unnecessary. The Public Management concentration has been updated to reflect this.
- Elimination of the concentration of Legislative Administration. This concentration is not possible to complete due to course offerings.
- Elimination of the concentration of Homeland Security. This concentration is no longer necessary since the Certificate of Graduate Study in Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity now exists.

Philosophy PhD

- Increasing the Core requirement from 3 to 4 courses (12 to 16 credits).
- Removing the "History Areas" 4 credit course requirement to account for the additional Core course.
- Reduce the credit requirement in the specialized area from 5 courses to 3 courses (20 credits to 12 credits).
- Increase the elective requirement from 3 courses to 5 courses (12 credits to 20 credits). Students can complete additional courses in their specialization but if not the electives will allow for these additional credits in order to reach the 60 credit overall requirement.
- The overall program requirement will remain at 60 credits.

History PhD

- *Creation of the course requirement AHIS898 for 1 credit.*
- *AHIS898 is a Dissertation Proposal course.*
- *The overall program requirement will remain at 60 credits.*

*These were voted on and approved by the GAC with a vote of 9-0-0*

6. *Committee on Educational Policy & Procedures Report – In Jim Fossett's absence, Jon Bartow asked everyone to review the report and it was agreed that no action was required at this time.*
7. *Next meeting scheduled will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 2:45 pm in Conference Room UAB 320.*
8. *The meeting was adjourned.*

*END OF GAC 3-02-2016 MINUTES*

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