

2/1/19 GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Graduate Academic Council meeting of February 1, 2019, 11:00 AM MSC 102A
Amended with changes and approved by the Council on March 7, 2019 by vote of 8-0-1

In attendance: G. Berg, A. Dawson, S. Faight, A. Kordzek, C. Lawson, S. Rafferty, T. Williams-Hart,
K. Williams, J. Bartow (staff), S. Kent (staff), S. Pease (staff), J. Deden (staff)

Guests: Christine Smith, Assistant Dean for Academics and Assessment, School of Education
Heidi Audino, Director, Pathways into Education Center (PIE)
Dan Mahar, Registrar's Office

1. The minutes of the GAC meeting on 12/10/18 were approved by a vote of 7-0-0.
2. Dean's Report – Kevin Williams reported the continuing trend of increased graduate applications and enrollment for Spring 2019. Funding received for more diverse recruitment. Workshops will be planned for students wanting to apply to Graduate School.
3. Chair's Report – Sean Rafferty said he had no report.
4. Proposal to modify application/admission pre-requisite requirements for M.S. Secondary Education programs – Christy Smith and Heidi Audino reviewed the proposal and then fielded questions. The Council approved the proposal by a vote of 7-0-0.
5. Micro-credentialing – The GAC was asked by Debra Gelinis, Assistant Vice Provost for Applied Learning, Director, Center for Experiential Education to discuss how involved (if at all) does the GAC want to be in approving individual micro-credentials (not the policy dictating their framework, but the individual credentials proposed by academic departments) The Council discussed and came to an agreement that the Council would like to be kept in the loop about the approval framework. Additional concerns are student privacy, actual value for graduate students, and regarding the vendor, the data handling practices, motives, will exclusivity be required and the company's staying power. Chair Rafferty will bring them to the attention of the Senate Executive Committee at their next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned without opposition, at 11:30 AM.

End of 2/1/19 GAC Minutes
