

Graduate Council Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2024

Via Zoom

Attendees: Jennifer Ball (ex-officio), Leah Brown, (ex-officio), Tracy Routsong, Jim Schnoebelen, Danny Funk, Zenova Williams, Tracy Davies, Becky Dodge, Sarah Holt, Dave Provorse, Michele Reisinger, Barbara Scofield, Michael Rettig, Lydia Diebolt

Not present: Emily Grant (ex-officio), Pat Dahl

Notes taken by: Beth Mathews

- I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Jim Schnoebelen at 12:01pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. A motion was made by Sarah Holt and seconded by Lydia Diebolt to approve the April 1, 2024, minutes. Motion approved.
- III. Old Business - none
- IV. New Business - none
- V. Discussion
 - a. Do graduate programs need common residency requirements for graduate certificates – Jennifer Ball
 - i. Background information was shared by Jennifer Ball and informed the committee that at this time WU does not have an official policy
 - ii. Committee members shared that certain programs to have some requirements based on clinical or competency standards
 - iii. After additional discussion it was noted that there does not seem to be a compelling reason for a standard/common residency requirement and the decisions should be left to each program need
 - iv. Jennifer Ball indicated she would make a note of the discussion
 - b. Graduate level writing course – Barbara Scofield
 - i. It was shared that the launch of a graduate level writing course would take effect in fall 2025
 - c. FHS Trauma and Recovery Graduate Certificate – Zenova
 - i. After follow up with the department, students can enroll in the course even if they don't want to declare the certificate
 - ii. If class sizes start to get too full it will be discussed at the department level

- VI. Announcements
 - a. Slate update – Leah Brown
 - i. Getting close on completion of inquiry form
 - ii. Will continue with 1:1 meetings
 - iii. If there is anyone working on this from your respective department that is not available over the summer, please share an alternate contact person with Leah
 - b. Phased retirement – Jennifer Ball
 - i. She will be starting phased retirement on July 1 so will no longer be working with this committee. She expressed her thanks to everyone and will be available for questions or guidance in the future
 - c. MSW – Lydia Diebolt
 - i. Shared she will be stepping down as the program director at the end of this academic year. She is not aware at this time who her replacement will be.
 - ii. She also expressed her thanks to the committee members
- VII. Adjournment – there being no further business to discuss, Jim Schnoebelen concluded the meeting at 12:17pm.