DATE: October 6, 2021
TIME: 1:30 PM
LOCATION: 135 Thomas Boyd Hall

LSU
Graduate Council

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Seifried, Spivak, Grove, Husseneder, Long, Porter, Rohli, Wang, Wilks, Wu, Bach, Spencer, & Wicks.

ABSENT: Aghazadeh, Giger, Greckhamer, Holton, Mitchell, & Piccoli.

CALL TO ORDER

Seifried called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Graduate Council members approved the September meeting minutes as distributed.

REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT: Welcome New Member elected by College of Art & Design- Robert Holton. Congrats to David Spivak and his election to Associate Chair. Fred Aghazadeh will join Promotion and Tenure Committee. Upcoming report will be developed for graduate council members on Graduate Faculty status practices at other institutions. Finally, search for 1-2 new members for Graduate Faculty committee to replace David Spivak.

GRADUATE SCHOOL'S REPORT: Spencer gave members status updates on several projects: graduate faculty status review; the new Associate Dean search and Stepping Blocks (a software program recently purchased to support students and departments navigate professional options and track students' progress after graduation.

NEW BUSINESS

CURRICULUM CHANGE- MS IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT: Professor Chao Wang spoke to members about proposed curriculum changes that will require those without a construction-related baccalaureate degree may be required to complete leveling (foundation) CM courses before they complete the program. The Professional path will be offered to LSU Online students only. Wang moved to approve the proposal as written, Wu seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

CURRICULUM CHANGE- MS IN GEOGRAPHY: The proposed changes will remove wording that caused unnecessary confusion amongst our graduate students. Nothing has changed in the degree program, only how it is presented in the catalog. Wu moved to approve the proposal as written, Wang seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

CURRICULUM CHANGE- GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING: Dr. Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell from the School of Education discussed the proposed changes to the Graduate Certificate in Instructional Coaching. The certificate prepares both alternatively certified and traditionally prepared educators to support and enhance teacher knowledge, skills, and dispositions through researched-based peer coaching models. This hybrid program is a four-course sequence, completed in 3 semesters. Courses can transfer to master's degree or Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership or Curriculum & Instruction. Porter moved to approve the proposal as written, Wu seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

CURRICULUM CHANGE- CONCENTRATION IN SPORT MANAGEMENT: Seifried discussed the proposed changes to the members. Wang moved to approve the proposal as written, Wu seconded it, and the motion passed with a favorable number of votes and one abstention.

POSTHUMOUS DEGREE: Council members reviewed a proposal to award a posthumous Master of Business Administration degree to Rishi Banda. Rishi matriculated in the Online Flores MBA Program and enrolled in his final summer term in the program at the time of his death. He planned to attend commencement activities on August 13, 2021. Grove moved to approve the proposal as written, Spivak seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP POLICY: Wu moved to approve the revisions to the eligibility criteria as written, Spivak seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

DEFERRED ADMISSION POLICY: Long moved to approve the proposal as written, Grove seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

GRADUATE MINOR POLICY (MASTERS & PHD): Porter moved to approve the proposal as written, Wu seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:07 PM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Nov 3 at 1:30 pm in 256-J Student Union (Career Center Classroom)

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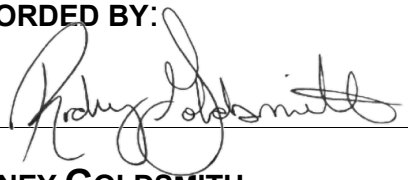

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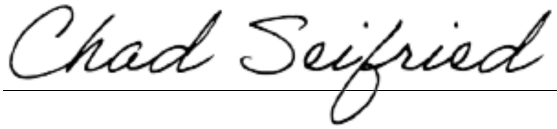

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