

Graduate Studies Committee**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Status of Minutes: Approved 2/14/23

*Attendees***Members Present:** G. Bhavsar, J. Booth, J. Gainsburg, K. Lorenz, S. Maalouf, D. Spratt, C. terHorst, Z. Toker, S. Tyutina**Members Absent:** M. Gianni, C. Greathouse, D. Jarvis, R. Lee,**Staff:** L. Kiapos, A. Levin, G. Rocklin**Guests:** K. Baxter, K. Dabbour, R. Espinoza, J. Gandhi, C. Hayashi, X. Jia, P. Lazarony, B. Mendoza, H. Minassians, T. Montaña, R. Rivera Furumoto, J. Stallcup, D. Tamalis, B. Wightman, B. Wu**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 11, 2022 were **MSP approved**.

III. Announcements

A. Levin announced that the application deadline for the Teaching Assistant Fellowship Program is November 11. She also invited the committee to attend the Graduate Student Mixer on November 29. Lastly, Levin announced that the application deadline for the CSUNposium is January 31, 2023 by 12:00 p.m. The CSUNposium will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023, in a hybrid model. The oral sessions will be virtually on Zoom and the poster sessions will be in-person at the University Student Union. Levin asked the committee and associate deans to let her know if they are interested in serving as CSUNposium judge.

IV. Action Items**A. College of Science and Mathematics – Entire Committee****Chemistry and Biochemistry*****New Experimental Course***

1. CHEM 595S-Chemistry of Energy Laboratory. **MSP approved**.

Mathematics

New Course

2. MATH 443-Probability Theory and Stochastic Processes. **MSP approved.**

B. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences – Julie Gainsburg and Raphael Lee

Political Science

New Course

1. POLS 494IB-Political Science Internship. **MSP approved with clarification of the unit discrepancy.**

Public Administration

New Courses

2. MPA 621-Research Methods for Public Administrators. **MSP approved.**
3. MPA 624-The Management of Public Sector Projects. **MSP approved.**
4. MPA 634-Public Organizational Design and Development. **MSP approved.**

Sociology

Course Modification

5. SOC 434-The Sociology of Law. **MSP approved.**

C. College of Humanities – Grishma Bhavsar and Casey terHorst

Chicana/o Studies

New Courses

1. CHS 508-Seminar in Chicana/o Studies Pedagogy. **MSP approved.**
2. CHS 517-Advanced Educational Equity and Diversity. **MSP approved.**
3. CHS 518-Seminar in Chicanx/Latinx Literature. **MSP approved.**

New Program

4. Certificate in Ethnic Studies, Focus on Chicana/o Studies. **MSP approved.**

Program Modification

5. M.A., Chicano/a Studies. **MSP approved.**

English

Course Modifications

6. ENGL 430-Literature and the Visual Arts. **MSP approved.**
7. ENGL 443-English Literature of the Middle Ages. **MSP approved.**
8. ENGL 458-The Romantic Age. **MSP approved.**
9. ENGL 460-The Victorian Age. **MSP approved.**
10. ENGL 461-Modern British Literature. **MSP approved.**
11. ENGL 462-Contemporary British Literature. **MSP approved.**
12. ENGL 463B-Contemporary Poetry. **MSP approved.**
13. ENGL 467-Major British Novelists II: 1815-1900. **MSP approved.**
14. ENGL 487-Latino/a Literatures of the Americas. **MSP approved.**

Gender and Women's Studies

Course Modification

15.GWS 400-Senior Seminar in Women's Studies. **MSP approved.**

V. Discussion Items

A. Levin discussed how some graduate programs have low enrollment and are struggling with recruiting students. She stated that when the committee reviews new degree program proposals, they should consider how the program would benefit students and contribute to workforce development. D. Spratt suggested that the committee could invite feedback from students when they review new programs to ensure that the catalog language is transparent and supportive for students. Levin said that the GSC's student representative would be able to provide feedback on new programs.

A. Levin reviewed the revisions that the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) made to their consultation guidelines to allow departments to provide an optional letter of support or non-concurrence. She asked the committee if they wanted to incorporate EPC's revisions into GSC's consultation guidelines. The committee agreed with EPC's revisions but would like to add stronger language to the section that discusses the overlap of course offerings. D. Spratt will talk to the EPC chair to see if both committees could develop some shared best practices.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.