

ACU Graduate Council
February 11, 2020
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
CBS Dean's Conference Room

Present: D. Snider, K. Witemeyer, J. Cardot, L. Lemley, S. Jones, M. Long, J. Neill, T. Sensing, C. Flanagan, A. Huddleston, L. Merchant, M. Scott, D. Barnett, D. Walls, T. Womble

Absent: None

Ex-officios: M. Straughn (J. Shewmaker, J. Weaver, G. Straughn, B. Crisp, K. Cukrowski – not in attendance)

Guests: E. Gumm, J. Smith

The meeting began at 11:57 a.m.

- I. Approval of the minutes from 5.7.19 and 10.8.19

Motion to approve both sets of minutes by S. Jones; seconded by L. Merchant; all in favor. Motion passes.

Information Items:

- II. BIBM 723 – Revise Prerequisites
- III. DMin Program – Create New Dual Enrollment Track for Sterling Theological Seminary Participants from Australia
This is a partnership with Sterling Theological Seminary. They are with the restoration churches. They are nationally recognized. Australia does not do professional doctorates. So when Sterling tried to get their professional doctorate approved, they were turned down. They reached out to ACU for a partnership. It already has SACS approval and ATS approval. We have 8 students slated to start this summer. We are approving some of their faculty as adjunct.
- IV. BIBD 635 – New Course – Ancient and Medieval Theology
This has been taught as special topics twice. It will be an elective course.
- V. BMFT 665 – Revise Title and Description
We need "Assessment" in the title for new LPC requirements, and we are highlighting the assessment and testing techniques in the description.
- VI. CSD 601 – Revise Title
We are asking to change the title to reflect the broader scope of the course.
- VII. CSD 601 – Revise Description
We are revising the description to more accurately reflect the content we are teaching.

Action Item:

VIII. MS Nutrition – Revision of Major – Add Track for Combined MS Nutrition/Dietetic Internship

S. Jones – Our DI program started as a 15-hour certificate program. However, now they require a master's degree to practice in the field. ACEND has given approval to combine the Dietetic Internship with the MS in Nutrition. We are keeping the free-standing master's degree as well. ACEND is allowing us to have two cohorts this year only - one with the DI Certificate and one in the new track of MS/DI combined. The certificate will close in Summer 2021.

The NUTR 620 course will remain in the DI Internship combined track; however, it will not be a required course for the free-standing master's program. It will just be an elective.

D. Snider - Some of the DI certificate students could migrate over to the MS in Nutrition later. Since the program is online, this will also open new enrollment opportunities for the MS in Nutrition. We anticipate the combination track will be a healthy program.

S. Jones - The way the master's is configured, the first year is online and the second year contains the rotations. It is feasible financially for students.

L. Lemley - Today we are just voting to create the new track, correct? D. Snider - Yes. We will close the certificate next year. M. Straughn - How many students are in the programs? S. Jones - We will have a cohort of 12 in the combined track and 12 in the free-standing master's.

Motion to approve all changes to MS Nutrition program by L. Merchant; seconded by D. Barnett; all in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting ended at 12:27 p.m.