

ACU Graduate Council
December 7, 2021
11:00 p.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present: W. Carroll K. Witemeyer, D. Walls, C. Flanagan, D. Barnett, J. Cardot, L. Lemley, D. Mayhall, L. Merchant, M. Long, T. Womble, M. Scott, J. Neill

Absent: S. Jones, T. Sensing

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

Guests: C. Buck, K. Williams, J. Smith, D. Kennamer

The meeting began at 11:30 a.m.

- Approval of the minutes from 4/13/21 and 10/26/21

Motion to approve the minutes by J. Cardot; seconded by D. Barnett; all in favor. Motion passes.

Action Items:

I. MMFT – Revise Admission Requirements

L. Merchant – We are requesting to drop the GRE requirement. We have not been using it for the last couple of years due to COVID, and we have not seen any negative effects in our candidates. GPA is a solid indicator for us. Dropping the GRE actually increased our applicant pool. There is also a change in the language that our accrediting body recommends that we would like to implement. The licensure board got rid of the requirement for students to have "high moral standards." Since this is not something that is easily measured, they did away with that, and we would like to follow suit. We have interviews and other methods to determine good fit. C. Buck – Are other MFT programs dropping the GRE requirement? L. Merchant – Yes. The field is moving in that direction.

Motion to approve by C. Flanagan; seconded by M. Scott; all in favor. Motion passes.

II. MSOT and OTD – Revise Admission Requirements

K. William – In the past, we have required both Anatomy and Physiology courses be completed before application. We moved up our deadline, and with COVID, there have been students who took things out of sequence causing difficulties with this specific requirement. We still require all but 6 hours be completed prior to application. We feel

this is enough to get a good picture of the student's ability. Next, our application system requires three letters of recommendation but we had only two listed. This caused confusion, so we would like to make our requirement the same as our application system. Finally, we want to correct some misinformation in the catalog regarding CPR. We do not teach that as part of our program.

Motion to approve by D. Barnett; seconded by L. Merchant; all in favor. Motion passes.

III. CSD – Revision of Major – Remove Year Designations from Degree Plan

D. Barnett – Our degree plan has been set up with specific requirements based on specific years/semesters. We would like to remove those designations to create more flexibility in when we offer the courses. W. Carroll – The degree requirements are not changing. Just the way they are presented. D. Barnett – Correct. J. Cardot – Will this interfere with the sequencing for specific cohorts? D. Barnett – We don't see this as a problem. With a second location in Dallas, sometimes, they want to offer a course based on the availability of professors in their area. The students should not experience any difficulty with sequencing.

Motion to approve by J. Cardot; seconded by D. Walls; all in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting ended at 11:52 a.m.