

ACU Graduate Council
February 8, 2022
11:00 p.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

Absent: None

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

Guests: C. Buck, J. Smith

The meeting began at 11:32 a.m.

- Approval of the minutes from 12/7/21

Motion to approve the minutes by D. Walls; seconded by M. Scott; 12 in favor, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

Action Items:

I. KINE 580 – New Course (Cross-listed w. KINE 480) – Training Program Design

M. Long – In the master's program, this will be one of the first courses our grad students take. It will serve as an introduction to training design. The textbook is written by the organization that will certify our graduates. The graduate students will go more in-depth than the undergraduates. We've included some sample assignment rubrics to show the difference in rigor. D. Walls – I noticed it stopped at week 13. Does the course stop then? M. Long – No. We plan 13 weeks of curriculum to allow for timing issues during the semester. But it will last the entire semester. J. Cardot – With a max enrollment of 20 students, are you concerned with having enough room for both populations in the course? M. Long – We are looking at starting the program with 5 grad students, so we aren't anticipating enrollment being an issue. J. Cardot – What would be the threshold to need a separate course section? M. Long – I think if we were to get to 20 grad students, we would separate the sections out. We have approval for an FTE for this program, so this would move to that person's workload. W. Carroll – I think it is wise to have a plan in advance, so this is good. J. Cardot – We've had some issues with cross-listed courses being overloaded in our department in the past, which was why I asked the question. L. Lemley – I see this course is not repeatable. If your undergrads take it, can they then take it as a grad student? M. Long – If our undergrad students take it, they would retake it as 580 for the additional rigor at the graduate level. J. Smith – KINE 480 and 580 are separate courses at the institutional level. J. Cardot – Are the two

courses different enough? M. Long – Every assignment will have increased rigor. It's more than just one project. L. Lemley – What prevents them from turning in the same assignments with just some tweaking? M. Long – The assignments would be changed so that they couldn't duplicate their assignments. The CSCS exam changes every year. All the topics have to be approved by the instructor, so she would not allow them to do the same topic they did previously. KINE 480 is not a required class for our undergrads. Ten or fewer students take it. So there is a good chance that if our students move from undergrad to grad, they won't have taken this course anyway. C. Flanagan – That speaks to a concern that I have regarding sustainability. I would find it problematic to cross-list very many undergrad/grad courses because it really does stretch faculty thin with split curriculums. It is not sustainable for long periods. M. Long – I hear you. And if we grow, we will split them out. L. Merchant – Is there a thought for making this a 4+1 program so your undergrads can simply take the graduate course for undergrad credit? W. Carroll – This program was created with transferring athletes in mind. M. Long – We talked about it early on, but that would create a lot of credit juggling. We decided against it for starting out and just making it a straight-forward 2-year program.

Motion to approve by J. Cardot; seconded by A. Huddleston; all in favor. Motion passes.

II. KINE 604 – New Course – Internship I

M. Long – This is a heavily experiential learning program. KINE 604 and 605 are internship courses that are heavy in required clinical hours. They have to complete 320 hours for each internship. This is required for certification. When they are with sports, they have to see in-season, off-season, recovery, etc. They need to see the full cycle. Therefore, it needs to stretch across an entire year. That is why we have two courses. We will have a faculty supervisor, but we will have other community partners who will assist with supervising on-site. W. Carroll – If a student sits out for a semester for some reason, will they have to wait an extra semester until they can take the second internship to ensure they aren't having two fall experiences? M. Long – We will work with them. They can also have access to summer options. L. Merchant – We've had situations where life got in the way for students – medical issues, etc. T. Sensing – If you get a different director, they might not know the process, so should we add something to the course to stipulate that a student can't take 605 in the same type of term as 604 (fall vs. summer vs. spring)? J. Smith – It sounds like you are pretty confident in your ability to handle this in advising. I don't think there is a good way to enforce this in the structure we have. Trying to create that structure here would add confusion.

III. KINE 605 – New Course – Internship II

See above.

Motion to approve items II-III by L. Merchant; seconded by C. Flanagan; all in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.