

ACU Graduate Council
March 22, 2022
11:00 p.m. – 11:30 a.m.
CBS Dean's Conference Room

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

Absent: T. Womble

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

Guests: J. Smith, C. Riley, E. Gumm

The meeting began at 11:45 a.m.

- Prayer by L. Merchant
- Approval of the minutes from 2/8/22

Motion to approve the minutes by S. Jones; seconded by M. Scott; all in favor. Motion passes.

Information Items:

- I. COMM 561 – Change Course Term
- II. MDiv – Remove BIBM 629/609, Add 3 Hours Ministry/Mission Electives
 - a. We are using internships embedded in the program courses themselves instead of having a separate internship course
- III. MACM – Remove BIBM 629, Add BIBM 658

Action Items:

- IV. COMM 512 – New Course – Risk Communication

L. Lemley - We have a new faculty member, and risk communication is an area of experience for her. We are excited to be able to add this course as an option in our degree plan. It is a potential career path for students. We are teaching it now as a special topics course. This will be a 400/500 course, so there will be a version for undergraduates as well. She has taught this course before at other institutions, so she is not building it from scratch. S. Jones - This is a really important topic for students. L. Merchant - I like the options on the core project.

Motion to approve by L. Merchant; seconded by J. Neill; all in favor. Motion passes.

V. MA COMS – Add COMM 512 to Supplementary Menu

L. Lemley - We would like to add this new course as an option in our degree plan.

Motion to approve items by J. Cardot; seconded by C. Flanagan; all in favor. Motion passes.

VI. KINE 601 – New Course – Essentials of Human Performance

M. Long - KINE 601, 602, and 603 are the core courses for the master's in strength, conditioning, and human performance. This covers the core knowledge. They will learn to evaluate clients and look for deficiencies that need to be addressed before starting a conditioning program.

VII. KINE 602 – New Course – Advanced Strength & Conditioning

M. Long - After learning corrective exercises in the previous course, they will next learn to build programs to achieve client goals in performance. L. Merchant - How you imagine the writing assignments to be? M. Long - They will write to address what they see and how to correct things. C. Flanagan - Do you have many courses in the program that are limited to fall only and spring only? M. Long - As the program grows, we will look to expand so that these courses will be offered in other terms as well for students who come in the spring. L. Merchant - Will these be prerequisites for future courses? M. Long - No. The sequencing goes in order, but there will not be set prerequisites. We mentor our students to a great extent and handle their registration.

Motion to approve items VI and VII by J. Neill; seconded by L. Merchant; all in favor. Motion passes.

VIII. MS CONU – Add NUTR 621 to Elective Menu

S. Jones - This is a nutrition research course. Currently, it is in the dietetic internship area only. However, we would like it to be available to all students to allow them to get all 15 required elective hours.

Motion to approve by D. Barnett; seconded by M. Long; all in favor. Motion passes.

IX. Dietetic Internship – Close Certificate

S. Jones - In 2014 we started the 15 hour certificate program. Now that we have combined the dietetic internship with the master's program, there is no need to continue offering the certificate. You now have to have a master's degree to sit for the qualifying exam. Everything that was part of the certificate is part of the combined master's degree. We have approval from SACS to close the certificate. The last student pursuing the certificate graduated in 2020, and we have not admitted any new students

into the program since then. C. Riley - If you are considering closing a certificate or program, please contact us early. Dr. Jones did a great job with that.

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

Meeting ended at 12:11 p.m.