

## **Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 6, 2022 Remotely with Google Meet 3:30pm -5:00pm

**Present:** Nermin Bayazit, Denise Bertrand, Xuzhou Chen, Mark LeBlanc, Lynn D'Agostino, Petri Flint, Becky Copper-Glenz, Amy McGlothlin, Kyle Moody, Nancy Murray, Daniel Sarefield, David Weiss

**Absent:** Nirajan Mani, Barbara Cormier, Michael Hoberman

**Guest:** Mark LeBlanc

### **Review of the Minutes from May 5, 2022**

Motion to Review: Dan Sarefield

Second: Kyle Moody

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to Accept: Daniel Sarefield

Second: Kyle Moody

Vote: Unanimous

### **Nomination and Election for Graduate Council Chair and Vice Chair**

Motion to Accept Nominations: Daniel Sarefield

Second: Nermin Bayazit

### **Nomination of Co-Chairs: Lynn D'Agostino and Nermin Bayazit**

Motion: Nancy Murray

Second: Petri Flint

Vote: Unanimous

### **Waive the Vice Chair Position**

Motion to Waive Position: Lynn D'Agostino

Second: Petri Flint

Vote: Unanimous

### **Update from the Registrar's Office: Non-Substantive Program Change Request Review**

Motion to Accept: Daniel Sarefield

Second: David Weiss

Vote: Unanimous

### **Modality of future Graduate Council Meetings**

Motion to Have Remaining Graduate Council Meetings Virtual: Petri Flint

Second: Kyle Moody

Vote: Unanimous

## **SGOCE Items for Graduate Council This Year – Informational Only**

### **SGOCE Student Group Discussions This Year**

We plan to establish a student group and will be doing a focus group meeting this fall. We would like to bring the questions we intend to ask the students to the Council for feedback and to share the results.

### **Thesis Handbook**

We are working on the Thesis Handbook and would like to get input from the Council on any updates we make. We will be working with those programs that contain Thesis Programs.

### **SGOCE Mission and Vision Document Review**

The SGOCE team has been working a great deal with our Mission and Vision Statements, and I would like to present it to the Council for feedback.

### **Policy Updates**

We are working on a few policy updates related to deadline, dates for incompletes and timelines in general that will be coming through this year.

### **Proposals:**

#### **GCE-22-23-01 - GCE Graduate Course Change - CJ 7300 Professional Responsibility and Community Relations**

Motion to Review: Petri Flint

Second: Amy McGlothlin

Discussion: Presented by David Weiss

We are proposing to remove CJ 7300 (Professional Responsibilities in Community Relations, which is known as Ethics for Cops) because we already have Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice which is a requirement for all graduate students in the master's program. Therefore, CJ7300 is no longer needed.

The master's Program in Criminal Justice was reconstituted as part of the 4+1 Program open only to those students in the 4+1 police program. We have created a second concentration called Professional Studies which is available to anyone inside and outside of Fitchburg State.

We are looking to make available a third concentration, Community Justice Concentration, that will go through Graduate Council in the spring. This will also be available to any interested party inside and outside of Fitchburg State. What we are doing now is taking a look at our classes and offering them to anyone interested in any area of the criminal justice system.

### **Questions/Comments:**

Is it the intention to open the course to anyone interested even if they are not a CJ major? Dr. Weiss responded with **if** a student wants to take the class we would not turn them away.

Is there a reason for replacing the 7000-level course with an 8000-level course? Dr. Weiss responded with the master's program was offered decades ago and the CJ program was instructed by the state to focus on our undergraduate certification. The master's program was always on the books but not offered in quite some time. We decided to use the classes that were already on the books rather than creating a third ethics class.

Are there pre-requisites for this course? Dr. Weiss responded with there are no pre-requisites for this course but there are required courses that need to be taken.

Motion to Approve Proposal: Kyle Moody

Second: Petri Flint

Vote: Unanimous

### **Items From the Floor**

#### **Graduate Student Representative**

Add Jennifer Murray to the Committee as the student representative.

Motion to Add Jennifer Murray: Becky Copper-Glenz

Second Petri Flint

Vote: Unanimous

**New Business:** No other new business

Motion to Adjourn: Amy McGlothlin

Second: Petri Flint

Vote: Unanimous