

**UMSL Graduate School
Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2024**

Graduate School Senior Director Teresa Thiel began the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Note Taker: Nykea Watts-Edwards

Members in attendance:

- By Zoom: Eike Bauer, Wendy Olivas, Amy Banken
Ho Kim, Lee Slocum, Jill Delston, David Kimball, Britannia Phillips

Agenda

1. Dr. Thiel and all committee members present unanimously approved meeting minutes from the October 25, 2024, Graduate Council meeting.
2. Dr. Thiel and all the committee members present at the meeting voted to approve the proposed CourseLeaf proposal pending changes.

Discussion:

Most of the course leaf proposals were from the nursing department.

There were questions regarding courses that overlap with courses in other programs. Specifically, Don Kridel questioned the overlap with health economics. Also, in question was biostatistics, which, in terms of title, overlaps with biology, and some mental health courses that overlap with psychology.

Question: Can courses be cross-listed between programs? Does it require a review of another unit?

Brittania stated that the reason for so many proposals was because their accrediting bodies asked them to include in their course descriptions what DNP essentials are covered in the course. Course descriptions were also revised to align with what the accrediting bodies suggested.

Brittania also stated that she did not believe there was an overlap regarding the psychology courses because they are specific to the psychiatric nurse practitioner role. The healthcare economics and biostatistics courses are specific to graduate nursing.

Terry will speak with Betsy Sampson if courses that are not new need to be reviewed because they already exist. Terry will also talk to Candace-Rae D Davis (DNP Program Director) or Elise Schaller (Associate Dean) if there are questions regarding the courses.

Note: Subsequent to the Graduate Council meeting, Betsy Sampson responded that these Nursing courses are specific to the DNP program and do not require sign off by departments that offer similar courses.

Terry asked if non-nursing students could take these courses. Brittania stated that they could not. Wendy asked how this is monitored if the prerequisite only states graduate standing. Brittania will ask for clarification from nursing.

Terry will go back and check Adult Health 1 and 2 because Wendy stated that the descriptions appeared to be the same.

Terry mentioned that this will be her last meeting and Amber Reinhart will take over the Graduate Council meetings. No meeting in December Amber will schedule the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm.