



Graduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

Friday, May 8, 2026 - 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Tegeler Hall 207

Voting Members Present: Dana Baum, Srikanth Mudigonda, Chris Thomas, Melissa Berrien-Elliott, Zhenguo Lin, Marcia McCormick, Kristi Richter, Sarah Burt, Jen Popiel, Rabia Rahman, Katie Mascari, Lauren Arnold (proxy for Katie Stamatakis), Helen Lach, Toby Benis, Takako Nomi

Non-voting Members Present: Nicole Mispagel, Jay Haugen

Absentees: Elizabeth Richard, Simona Rentea, April Trees, Janie Henderson, Danielle Hopkins

I. Approval of April Minutes – April minutes approved

II. Academic Program Proposals

A. New Program Proposals

- 867: Foundations of Health Informatics
PBC proposal withdrawn for now; will resubmit for later discussion

B. Program Closures

- 229: Finance PBC
No current students; program does not have appeal now that other courses are available
GAAC unanimously approved the closure of the certificate
- 349: Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Concentration (Nursing MS)
No longer able to provide content due to loss of faculty
27 current students; teachout plan developed and requires adjunct but program is less appealing than others so faculty member will not be replaced.
GAAC unanimously approved the closure of the concentration
- 355: Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Concentration (DNP)
No longer able to provide content due to loss of faculty

27 current students; teachout plan developed and requires adjunct but program is less appealing than others so faculty member will not be replaced.

GAAC unanimously approved the closure of the concentration

- 359: Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, PBC
No longer able to provide content due to loss of faculty
27 current students; teachout plan developed and requires adjunct but program is less appealing than others so faculty member will not be replaced.
GAAC unanimously approved the closure of the certificate
- 456: Behavioral Science and Health Equity, Concentration (PhD)
HMP concentration being combined with this concentration as part of CEPH requirements; no teachout plan needed as no courses eliminated (11 students in program)
GAAC unanimously approved the closure of the concentration
- 457: Biostatistics, Concentration (PhD)
Epidemiology concentration being combined with this concentration as part of CEPH requirements; no teachout plan needed as no courses eliminated (5 students)
GAAC unanimously approved the closure of the concentration
- 458: Epidemiology, Concentration (PhD)
Epidemiology concentration being combined with Biostatistics as part of CEPH requirements; no teachout plan needed as no courses eliminated (11 students)
GAAC unanimously approved the closure of the program
- 459: Health Management and Policy, Concentration (PhD)
This concentration will be combined with behavioral science concentration as part of CEPH requirements; no teachout plan needed as no courses eliminated (6 students)
GAAC unanimously approved the closure of the program

C. Program Changes

- 265: Disability Administration in Higher Education, PBC (modality change)
Change from in person to online asynchronous to meet needs of students
GAAC unanimously approved the change in modality

II. Policies

Related policies discussed and members encouraged to seek feedback:

- Advanced Standing for Doctoral Students discussed
- Graduation Requirements discussed
- Graduate Multiple Degrees discussed
- Degree Conferral discussed
- Microcredential Policy passed

Adjourned at 10:20 am