

Minutes
Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
October 13, 2017

Members in Attendance: R. Wood, J. Curley, a. Nedved, A. Miller, A. Rellergert, A, Trees, B. Boyle, H. Ardizzone, J. Barber, J. Garcia-Martinez, J. Fu, J. Martin, M. McCormick, S. Jayaram, S. Winton

Call to Order: R. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from the September 8, 2017 meeting: Motion was made to approve the September 8, 2017 and passed with two abstentions.

New Business:

A. Dual MPH-MSW Degree

Alyssa Wilson spoke to the group. The school wants to offer an option to MSW students who are dual degree MPH-MSW students. It is now only open to clinical concentration. They want to open it up to community and organization MSW. The electives and the advanced practice courses are what is changing.

Jami Curley identified three courses that would change away from the clinical focus courses. These can found on the Program Change Form.

There was a motion to approve the change and it was unanimously approved.

B. GAAC Bylaws

Rob wanted to remind everyone that they oversee what the committee does and the way that they proceed. He asked the members if there was a way to clarify a substantial change and the verbiage that would make it easier for the group to decide. It is unclear at what levels approvals are at.

Rob asked that everyone look through the entire document to evaluate what constitutes substantive versus non-substantive change. Members are to look over the policies over the next few weeks and be prepared to talk about this at the next meeting. He would like to clean it up and make it clearer.

Jan Barber felt that there are a couple of things in the by-laws that are not correct. Article 2 states that GAAC periodically assesses quality per university policy. She feels that needs to be taken out. Also, Article 3 members: first point says that voting faculty members shall be appointed to GAAC by their respective deans. Some members stated that they are elected by faculty counsel while others were appointed.

Rob asked everyone to review the Program Change Report and be prepared to discuss the document at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.