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**GRADUATE FACULTY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2020**

**Meeting Location:** via Zoom

*GFGC Chair* Sofield called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m., welcoming a total of 17 attendees (roster attached).

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent Agenda:** Meeting minutes of 05-12-2020 were approved and posted to the [GFGC website](#).

A **motion** to approve the amended Interim Graduate Grading Policy (**moved** by Robert Mitchell and seconded) **passed** by unanimous consent.

**Review of Curriculum Proposals:** 6 curriculum proposals were reviewed and discussed (individual proposals linked in summary below).

- 6 proposals approved and sent to the Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) (with *Chair* Ruth Sofield abstaining)
  - 1 new Environmental Science program
    - [Data Science for Environmental Applications Certificate](#)
  - 5 Environmental Science course revisions
    - [ESCI 599: ~~Graduate~~ Environmental ~~Studies~~ Data Science Seminar](#) (title, description, modality)
    - [ESCI 502: Experimental Design](#) (modality)
    - [ESCI 503: Statistical Ecology](#) (modality)
    - [ESCI 504: Time Series Analysis for Environmental Data](#) (modality)
    - [ESCI 505: Spatial Analysis for Environmental Data](#) (modality)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Data Science Certificate:** Vice-chair Elizabeth Boland and Dr. Jenise Bauman facilitated a review and discussion of the curricular proposals. Of note during the discussion was clarifying that the modality revisions are only to create an online option for the courses and the face-to-face modality will still be offered as a separate section.

These were considered outside of the established timeline for approval because this program is specifically responding to a perceived educational need related to the Coronavirus pandemic; GFGC does not consider this as precedent-setting for approval of courses and programs outside of the established timeline.

**Teaching Assistantships in Fall Quarter:** *Chair* Ruth Sofield led a discussion about teaching assistantships for Fall Quarter, given the State mandate to cut 15% of expenditures. Please email Ruth Sofield directly with comments and concerns.

**Updated Graduate Grading Policy:** *Chair* Ruth Sofield and *Vice-chair* Elizabeth Boland led a discussion about edits to the Interim Graduate Grading Policy to render the policy adaptable for use in future quarters if there is another university-wide move to instate P/NP grading. The edited version of the grading policy was approved and will be forward for University consideration.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**

**GRADUATE COUNCIL – ROSTER 2019-2020**

VOTING ATTENDEES			NON-VOTING ATTENDEES	
Craig Dunn	Management (GS)	P	<b>Ex Officio members</b>	
Clint Spiegel	Chemistry (CSE)	P	David Patrick, <i>Interim Dean, Graduate School</i>	P
Linda Keeler	Health and Human Development (CHSS)	P	Michael Barr, <i>Associate Dean, Graduate School</i>	--
Elizabeth Boland (Vice-Chair)	Health and Community Studies (WCE)	P	<b>Recorder</b>	
Ruth Sofield (Chair)	Environmental Science (HCE)	P	Dayna Patterson, <i>Graduate School</i>	P
Patty Bourne	Music (CFPA)	P	<b>Guests</b>	
Mark Staton	Finance & Mktg (CBE)	P	Megan Spiegel, <i>Graduate School</i>	P
Gabe Gossett	Library	--	Jenise Bauman, <i>Environmental Science</i>	P
Chris Loar	English (CHSS)	P		
Kristi Lemm	Psychology (CHSS)	P		
<b>At Large</b>			<b>Student members</b>	
			Jasmine Balasa, <i>GSAC</i>	--
Tammi Laninga	Environmental Studies	P	Preston Smith, <i>GSAC</i>	--
Robert Mitchell	Geology	P	Patrick Czichas, <i>AS</i>	P
Wayne Landis	Environmental Science	P	José Cervantes-Aguilar, <i>AS</i>	--
			<b>Voting attendees</b>	12
			<b>Non-voting attendees</b>	5
			<b>TOTAL ATTENDEES</b>	17