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College Graduate Committee Minutes– September 10, 2020

Minutes: 9/10/2020 3:15-5pm via Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97638045948> pwd: 974529

Attendance: Kiersten Latham, Valentina Denzel, Danielle DeVoss, Gretel Van Wieren, Robert Randez, Benjamin Lampe, Ben Van Dyke, Shannon Schweitzer, Charlene Polio, Amanda Lanier, Suzanne Wagner, Kristin Mahoney, Sean Valles, April Baker-Bell, Lynn Wolff, Laura Borchgrevink, Paula Winke, Bill Hart-Davidson and Leann Dalimonte.

Guest: Ben Lauren

Meeting started at 3:15pm

1. Approval of the Agenda – Ben Van Dyke motioned, Lynn seconded, agenda approved unanimously.
2. Approval of 5/14/2020 Meeting Minutes – Suzanne motioned, Sean seconded, minutes approved unanimously.
3. Associate Dean's Announcements
 - a. Welcome
 - i. New Graduate Directors
 - b. Education Adjustment for FinAid/Fellowships
 - i. Template: https://grad.msu.edu/fsresources/coe_template
 - ii. Discussion over how to communicate with students about how or if they self-identify with using financial aid.
 - c. New Graduate Director Virtual Orientation
 - d. Degree Audit Milestone Mapping
 - i. Verification of current programs for how they display on the RO site
 - Reference to milestones or steps, for example when exams are taken
 - e. Curriculum Freeze SS21 & US21
 - i. Curriculum proposals can still be submitted and academic governance will still be in session during those semesters
 - ii. New programs & courses can't be added through SIS to the course catalog or academic programs catalog during those semesters
 - f. WRA 886 Approval FYI – New MA approved in SS20
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Budget and Recruitment Outlook
 - i. Discussion about national hits, lack of job openings, and hiring freezes
 - ii. No GA line cuts
 - Discussion about allocation of lines within/across some programs that are housed within the same unit
 - iii. Small reduction in amount of funds given for research enhancements
 - b. Technology Request Process



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- i. Teaching needs
 - ii. Learning/Coursework needs
 - iii. Scott Schopieray has set up resources for remote teaching/learning
 - iv. Some research enhancement funds can be used to support students' learning and teaching needs
 - Creativity welcome (examples: headphones & microphones)
5. Curricular Items
- a. English MA & PhD: Removal of GRE – Kristin Mahoney
 - i. Danielle motioned to discuss, April and Lynn seconded, ENG curriculum program is on the table.
 - ii. Discussion over decline in GRE nationally as a baseline for admissions.
 - iii. Danielle motioned, Shannon seconded, English MA & PhD program changes approved.
 - b. ACM & MUSM Package: Kiersten Latham
 - i. ACM MA
 - ii. MUSM Graduate Certificate
 - iii. Aligning language and content of programs with national standards while balancing scope to include all entities that relate to museums and the arts.
 - iv. Discussion over “slashed” courses or mirrored courses at the 800 level [from the 400 level].
 - v. Discussion about credit changes to the MA and 1-credit courses.
 - vi. Note: CCC will be reviewing the MUSM Minor & ACM Minor
 - vii. Note: ACM Graduate Certificate was approved last Spring and is sitting at the Provost's level waiting for the updated courses
 - viii. Course Changes:
 - ACM (461, 462, 465, 466, 467, 468, 490, 496) 801, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 871, 892, 899
 - a. Note: ACM 872 was approved last spring
 - MUSM (487, 489, 490, 498) 885, 888, 889, 893, 894, 895, 898
 - Note: 400 level courses are listed for review as some of the new 800 level courses are mirrored
 - ix. ACM/MUSM package approved unanimously.
6. Roundtable/Other Business – No time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm