

**The University of Alabama in Huntsville  
Graduate Council Meeting  
Minutes**

**Friday / February 11, 2022  
2:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Kevin Bao, COB  
Dylan Baun, CAHS  
Joseph Conway, CAHS  
Harry Delugach, COS  
Robert Griffin, COS\*  
Junpeng Guo, COE  
Wafa Orman, COB\*  
Jon Hakkila, Chair\*  
Angela Hollingsworth, CON  
Yu Lei, COE  
Xiaotong Li, COB  
Nicholas Loyd, COE  
John Mecikalski, COS  
Matthew Niemiller, COS  
Jason O'Brien, CoED  
Jodi Price, CAHS\*  
Lenora Smith, CON  
Janet Waller, Registrar\*  
Paul Whitehead, CoED

**Members Absent:** Michael Anderson, COE\*  
Eric Fong, COB (on sabbatical)  
Lori Lioci, CON  
David Moore, Library\*  
Louise O'Keefe, CON\*

**Proxies:** Lenora Smith for Louise O'Keefe

**Visitors:** Jakobus Le Roux, COS  
Rob Preece, COS  
Aurora Torres, CAHS  
Nate Tenhundfeld, CAHS  
Bernhard Vogler, COS

\* Non-Voting Member

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**1. Roll Call**

*A record of attendance was recorded as noted above.*

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion was made by Dr. Hakkila to approve the graduate council meeting agenda. Vote to approve was unanimous.*

### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 21, 2022

*Motion was made by Dr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2022. Motion was seconded by Dr. Conway. Motion carried.*

### 4. Announcements

*Dr. Hakkila shared updates about student-focused events hosted by the Graduate School, including a Graduate Poster Zoom Workshop on February 14, a “Dinner with the Graduate Dean” on February 28, and a Graduate Poster Session on March 7.*

*Dr. Hakkila also announced that Ms. Nicole Hughes, a staff member in the Honors College, will serve in a temporary, part-time role from February 9 to May 31, 2022, in support of UAH’s Study Abroad Program. Simultaneously, applications are currently being accepted for a full-time Study Abroad Coordinator position.*

### 5. Curricular Items

#### a. College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

- i. Course Change: HY 583/483 – Women and Gender in Latin America

*Dr. Baun provided commentary on item 5.a.i. Vote to approve was unanimous.*

- ii. Course Change: PY 607 – Professional Development in Research & Teaching

*Dr. Price provided commentary on item 5.a.ii. Motion to approve item was made by Dr. Smith. Motion was seconded by Dr. Conway. Motion carried.*

- iii. Course Change: PY 610 – Experimental Design

*Dr. Price provided commentary on item 5.a.iii. Motion to approve item was made by Dr. O’Brien. Motion was seconded by Dr. Smith. Motion carried.*

- iv. New Course: PY 701 – Human System Integration
- v. New Course: PY 702 – Computational Concepts & Introduction to Software Programming
- vi. New Course: PY 703 – Psychology in Human Computer Interaction
- vii. New Course: PY 704 – Human Machine System Design
- viii. New Course: PY 705 – Usability Evaluation & Testing
- ix. New Course: PY 706 – Management of Complex Systems
- x. New Course: PY 707 – Ergonomics & Regulations in User-Centered Design
- xi. New Course: PY 708 – Rapid Prototyping
- xii. New Course: PY 709 – Human Artificial Intelligence Interaction
- xiii. New Course: PY 710 – Machine Learning for Social/Behavioral Research
- xiv. New Course: PY 711 – Computational Psychology
- xv. New Course: PY 712 – Social Cognitive Neuroscience
- xvi. New Course: PY 713 – Quantitative Statistical Methods
- xvii. New Course: PY 714 – Multivariate Statistics
- xviii. New Course: PY 715 – R for Data Science
- xix. New Course: PY 718 – Advanced Structural Equation Modeling
- xx. New Course: PY 719 – History & Systems
- xxi. New Course: PY 725 – Eyewitness Psychology

- xxii. New Course: PY 730 – Forensic/Investigative Interviews
- xxiii. New Course: PY 735 – Child Witnesses
- xxiv. New Course: PY 740 – Interrogation & Deception
- xxv. New Course: PY 745 – Wrongful Conviction
- xxvi. New Course: PY 750 – Assessment of Competency to Stand Trial
- xxvii. New Course: PY 775 – Proseminar in Social Psychology
- xxviii. New Course: PY 780 – Applied Cognitive Psychology
- xxix. New Course: PY 799 – Dissertation

*Items 5.a.iv. through 5.a.xxix. were discussed, yielding a decision to table until items are revised to include more information regarding course pre-requisites, how each course relates to the field of psychology, completion of syllabi to include full topic names along with chapter numbers, and a review of the course numbering sequence.*

- xxx. Program Change: MA in Experimental Psychology, with I/O Psychology Specialization, Non-Thesis Option

*Dr. Price provided commentary on item 5.a.xxx. Motion to approve item was made by Dr. Baun. Motion was seconded by Dr. Conway. Motion carried.*

b. College of Business

- i. Program Change: MBA with Engineering Management Concentration

*Dr. Hakim-Orman provided commentary on item 5.b.i. Motion to approve item was made by Dr. O'Brien. Motion was seconded by Dr. Whitehead. Motion carried.*

c. College of Education

- i. New Course: EDC 617 – Introduction to Supervised Fieldwork in Applied Behavior Analysis
- ii. New Course: KIN 699 – Sports Science Master's Thesis

*Dr. O'Brien provided commentary on items 5.c.i. and ii. Vote to approve items was unanimous.*

d. College of Engineering

- i. Course Change: EE 648 – Digital Signal Processing

*No one opted to provide commentary on item 5.d.i.; Dr. Hakkila asked for vote on item, which was unanimously approved.*

e. College of Science

- i. New Course: BYS 517/417 – Principles of Plant Physiology

*Item 5.e.i. was resubmitted to include complete syllabi for cross-listed courses. Motion to approve item was made by Dr. O'Brien. Motion was seconded by Dr. Hollingsworth. Motion carried.*

- ii. New Course: BY5 567/467 – Animal Behavior

*Item 5.e.ii. was resubmitted to include complete syllabi for cross-listed courses. After discussion, decision was made to table item until BY5 567 (graduate course syllabus) is revised to reflect graduate rigor as compared to BY5 467 (undergraduate course syllabus). Dr. Niemiller to coordinate with department to obtain revised syllabus and resubmission.*

- f. Interdisciplinary Programs

- i. Program Change: Master’s Program in Materials Science

*Dr. Hakkila provided commentary on item 5.f.i. Motion to approve item was made by Dr. Baun. Motion was seconded by Dr. Whitehead. Motion carried.*

**6. Graduate Faculty Credentialing**

*Dr. Hakkila shared the list of graduate faculty that he had approved for membership since the November 19, 2021, graduate council meeting. Decision was made for council to begin reviewing graduate faculty credentials again, prior to approval by Dr. Hakkila.*

**7. Academic Probation and Dismissal Procedures**

*Dr. Hakkila reminded council that this topic is still on the table and will be a long-term initiative.*

**8. JUMP**

*Dr. Hakkila reviewed SACSCOC Standard 9.2, which pertains to double master’s degrees and accelerated master’s programs such as JUMP. He quoted the following:*

*“The institution offers one or more degree programs based on at least 60 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the associate level; at least 120 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the baccalaureate level; or at least 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the post-baccalaureate, graduate, or professional level. The institution provides an explanation of equivalencies when using units other than semester credit hours. The institution provides an appropriate justification for all degree programs and combined degree programs that include fewer than the required number of semester credit hours or its equivalent unit.”*

*Dr. Hakkila to email Standard 9.2 of the SACSCOC Resource Manual to all graduate council members.*

**9. For the Good of the Order**

*Dr. Hollingsworth asked for clarification on assigned terms for graduate faculty nominations; she requested five-year terms for all College of Nursing affiliate nominations going forward.*

**10. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.*