

Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

WebEx Meeting

TOPIC

SYNOPSIS OF DISCUSSION

Pierce Boyne, CAHS, presented a request for a new PhD degree in Rehabilitation & Health Sciences. This was his second presentation to the graduate council. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

Committee Comments:

- The committee did note that previous concerns from the first meeting were addressed
- The program will need to provide evidence that this degree will enhance productivity and grant submissions, as described in the section titled “Program Alignment with Strategic Sizing Initiatives” on page 9
- As an online program, the program needs to provide how they envision training future educators without that “real-world” teaching experience (considering these our online students and will not be in the classroom setting)
- The program will need to provide a list of opportunities for career paths for students who do not have the clinical background when admitted to this program – what would this degree value be to that student population? It was discussed for consideration the idea of a co-op opportunity or practicum for students that fall into this category or a professional/PhD program similar to MD/PhD programs -would this be a future possibility for this program?
- The committee does would like the program to consider the value of the GRE requirement. There are possibilities for waivers but those are difficult and timely to obtain and create extra work on everyone’s end. There is also an associated cost for students to take the GRE, which could be a barrier.
- The committee approved this to move on to the next step, Academic Committee, incorporating these changes above

NEW DEGREE:

PHD, HEALTH & REHABILITATION SCIENCES

PIERCE BOYNE

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***NEW DEGREE: PHD,
COMMUNICATION***

*GAIL FAIRHURST, JOHN
LYNCH, STEVE DEPOE
A&S*

Gail Fairhurst, John Lynch, and Steve Depoe, A&S, presented a request to for a new PhD degree in Communication, with a Social Justice focus. The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference.

Committee Comments:

- Overall discussion was brief and this was approved to move on to the next step, Academic Committee, with no requested edits.
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