**Graduate Council**

**Minutes**

**February 10, 2021**

**Teams - 8:00 am –9:30**

In attendance: Jim Bailey, Mia Kang, Jace Stringham, Violeta Vasilevska, Steven Sylvester, Douglas Gardner, Jon Westover, Dan Waddington, Sheri Smederovac

1. **The council moved to amend the last sentence of last month’s minutes with and/or. (see below) The council then approved the amended minutes for the January 14, 2021 Graduate Council meeting.**

“The council discussed whether there are more specific requirements needed to apply for graduate faculty status, specifically years of experience and type and level of experience. Discussion also on curriculum vitae and whether or not it is important that they are written in traditional format. The discussion continued about following guidelines such as having two conferences talks **and/or** publications within the last five years, regardless of how difficult to find on the curriculum vitae.”

1. **The council recommended changing the Graduate Faculty form to a fillable pdf form to avoid having graduate faculty applicants leave the graduate faculty status applied for section blank.**
2. **The following graduate faculty were approved:**

Woodbury School of Business

Daniel Harmuth – Professional

Jeffrey D Farnsworth – Professional

Ronaldo Mellado Miller - Full

College of Engineering & Technology

Mohamed Lotfy – Full

1. **The following courses were approved:**

Curriculum – School of Education

EDUC 5201-Teacher Performance Assessment Project

EDUC 5202-Creating a Positive Learning Environment

EDUC 5310-Introduction to Special Education

EDUC 5330-Diversity and Differentiation in the Classroom

EDUC 5411-Foundations of Instructional Coaching

EDUC 5610-Learning Environments for Gifted Students

EDUC 5640-Curriculum/Instructional Planning in Gifted Education

EDUC 6412-Adult Learning: Theory and Practice

1. **Dual Enrollment in Two Master’s Degrees Discussion**

* Coding Issues
* Most other Universities don’t allow two degrees but have combined degrees.
* Completion Issues
* Financial Aid issues
* Debt burden
* Potential student interest, is it worth the financial effort?
* Scheduling would be a struggle
* Dual Program Degrees possible
* History/Political Science program has had many students want to be enrolled in two majors. Faculty concerned about completion issues.
* UVU should strive to make it easier to take classes in other programs
* There are some programs that are not self-sustaining
* How much interest is there in dual degrees?
* Maybe focus on graduate certificates that can be worked across colleges, rather than two full programs.
* Computer Science Program has had students from other Programs with interest in getting a second Master’s in Computer Science. The two programs would have to come together to make a dual program.
* Nothing preventing UVU from doing Dual Degrees but would take extensive coordination between programs.
* Dual Degrees should be brought up in AAC meetings.
* Graduate Council would like to be able to create a process to allow students to participate but will the University financially back the program?
* Budget concern is valid.
* Programs could benefit from having more flexibility in electives. Good selling point to students and could potentially attract more students, which would in turn relieve the budget concern.
* Which courses would be allowed as electives? Who decides this? Program Directors and Faculty could look at this.