

DATE: December 1, 2021  
TIME: 1:30 PM  
LOCATION: 256 Career Center Student union

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**LSU**  
Graduate Council

## MEETING MINUTES LSU GRADUATE COUNCIL

### ATTENDANCE

**PRESENT:** Seifried, Spivak, Aghazadeh, Giger, Greckhamer, Grove, Long, Mitchell, Porter, Rohli, Wang, Wilks, Wu, Bach, Spencer, & Wicks.

**ABSENT:** Holton, Husseneder, & Piccoli.

### CALL TO ORDER

Seifried called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Graduate Council members approved the November meeting minutes as distributed.

### REPORTS

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** Seifried reminded members to provide their availability to meet in the spring semester. He also asked if members were willing to attend 3 ceremonies in place of members that are unable to attend.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL'S REPORT:** No report.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS' REPORT:** No report.

### NEW BUSINESS

**FULBRIGHT FELLOWS AND APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS MEMO:** The Graduate School would like to expand the eligibility criteria for an application fee waiver. By expanding the application fee waiver program to include Fulbright Scholars, we will be working to enhance our scholarship. By adding applicants who are attending a minority serving institution, we hope to increase diversity and remove one of the barriers experienced by applicants from our underrepresented populations.

Spivak moved to approve the memo with the revisions, Giger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL:** Long moved to table the proposal until a representative can attend a meeting to answer questions, Porter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ACCELERATED MASTERS' PROGRAM:** Carol Wicks discussed. Aghazadeh, moved to table the proposal. Seifried stated the proposal will be added to the January agenda.

**GRADUATE FACULTY SUB-COMMITTEE MEMO:** Wicks discussed and asked for the Grad Faculty subcommittee to review the document and for everyone to be prepared to vote on the item in January.

### OLD BUSINESS

**REVISED MS IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT:** Previously approved by Grad Council and sent to FSCCC. Department made minor revisions (requested by FSCCC) to proposal and sent to GC for second review. Long moved to approve, Porter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**POLICY: ELIGIBILITY OF FACULTY & STAFF FOR GRADUATE DEGREE:** A faculty member includes those at or above the rank of instructor may work toward a graduate degree at this university. If a faculty member wishes to pursue a graduate degree, then the faculty member, their immediate supervisor, and the chair of the department in which the faculty member wishes to pursue the degree must submit, as part of the admission process, a statement outlining how the faculty member's advanced degree will benefit the faculty member's current department and LSU. If the faculty member is admitted and enrolls as a graduate student in the LSU Graduate School, then that faculty member may not teach or advise graduate students in the department in which they are pursuing their degree. In addition, the faculty member and both Department Chairs need to make sure that potential conflicts of interest regarding students in any courses, committee assignments, and promotion and tenure decisions are avoided. A plan for avoiding such conflicts must be included in the statement. The Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School will review these statements and make a recommendation through official channels to the Provost.

Wang moved to approve the policy change, Porter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PROMOTION & TENURE:** No report.

**GRADUATE FACULTY:** No report.

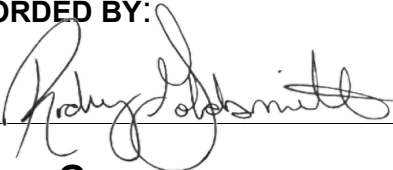
**AWARDS:** No report.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:20 PM**

**NEXT MEETING:** TBA

**MEETING MINUTES**

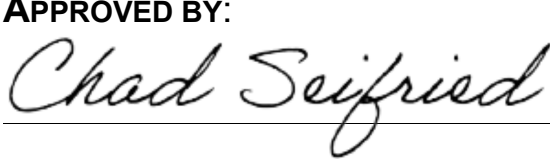
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