Graduate Policy Committee

Annual Report, 2021-2022

During the 2021-2022 regular academic year, the GPC met 19 times.

The GPC revised the following university-wide policies:

- Course Load policy; Graduate Certificate policy; Master's Degree in-Flight to Completing a Doctoral Degree policy; English Language Proficiency Exams for Graduate Admissions policy

Ten programs/units were reviewed as part of their QER:

- In fall 2021, Public Administration; Accounting; Political Science; Finance; Public Health
- In spring 2022, Demography; Management Information Systems and Business Analytics; Business Administration and Management; Sociology; Risk Management Insurance

The GPC reviewed and approved the following GRE waiver requests:

- University-wide GRE waiver for master's and specialist applicants for the next 3 calendar years

- Permanent master's program GRE waivers:
    I. MA in History
    II. MA in Philosophy
    I. MA in Modern Language and Linguistics
    II. MPH in Public Health

- Permanent doctoral program GRE waivers:
    III. PhD in History
    IV. PhD in Philosophy
    V. PhD in Modern Language and Linguistics
    VI. PhD in Psychology (only Social Psychology track/plan)
    VII. PhD in Communication
    VIII. PhD in Criminology
    IX. EdD in Online Learning Design and Performance Technology
    X. DNP track in Lifestyle Medicine in Nursing

- Temporary doctoral program GRE waivers:
    I. PhD programs in Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (EOAS)
    II. PhD in Chemistry and Biochemistry
    III. PhD in Molecular Biophysics
    IV. PhD in Mathematics

The GPC reviewed and approved the following proposals:

- Combined Pathway- BS-MS in Biomedical Engineering (non-thesis)
- Change of Grade-Point Weighting for Curved College of Law Grades
- Proposal to Explore: MS in Climate Solutions
- Proposal to Offer an Existing On-Campus Graduate Degree in an Online Format: MS in Measurement and Statistics
- Proposal to Explore: MS in Physical Environmental Science
- Proposal to Explore: PhD in Nursing (Predominantly online mode)
- Proposal to Implement: PhD in Nursing (Predominantly online mode)

Additional discussions on,

- Consent item inventory; Possibility of allowing minor edits to manuscripts (theses, dissertations) after submission and publication in ProQuest; Follow-up report on entrance exam waivers