

**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**October 10, 3:00 pm**  
**Library 201**

PRESENT: Mark Hawkes, Cheri Noteboom, Renae Spohn, Scott Morstad, Dorine Bennett, Crystal Pauli, Kathy Callies, Erin Blankespoor, Nicole Clausen, Jan Enright, Jennifer Mees, Ben Jones, Stephen Krebsbach, Dick Hanson, Stacy Berry, Ronghua Shan, Susan Slaughter

Introductions

**Dean of Graduate Studies report** – Mark updated the members on current enrollment numbers and shared historical enrollments as well. He outlined current marketing strategies and needs for developing a marketing plan. The certificate programs are open admission. The university surveyed prospective students and even those that did not apply to gather information on why not. The university is offering a new course taught by Mark designed for doctoral students on teaching strategies.

**Graduate Faculty Nominations** – The Graduate Council approved the following graduate faculty nominations: Full membership: Robert Girtz, Scott Morstad, Qiang (David) Zeng, Austin O'Brien and Michael Roach. Associate membership: JoLinda Hay and Carmen Weaver

**MSIA Substantive Program Modification** – Council approved the Substantive Program Modification for the MSIA. The program change is posted on the curriculum website. <https://public-info.dsu.edu/curriculum/>

**Program Updates by Program Coordinators**

DSc Cyber Security - Wayne sent his report in separate email.

MSIS – Enrollment overall down a little bit. Some students moving to Analytics. Attended the graduate student fair at SDSU and good number of students interested. Also working with Career Services.

DSc Info Systems – Currently at 90 students enrolled. There is a need for more on campus students as the university needs high quality GA positions. Lots of progress with students presenting at conferences and lots of collaboration for students/faculty. Applied for the Sanford data grant again this year.

MSHIIM – Enrollments are good but continuing to work on increasing those numbers. Looking at marketing at an upcoming conference. Working on CAHIM accreditation and along with that a graduate student handbook for the program.

MBA – Working on a supply chain management emphasis (two new courses) and a three-course certificate.

MSET – Kevin Smith is transitioning into the role of program coordinator for this degree.

MSACS – Cyber specialization mainly – looking at changing the name to just Computer Science. looking at designation NSA which might require other changes.

MS in Analytics – Enrollments are good. Many students are working for Sanford.

Digital Humanities – Marketing has begun for this certificate with a development of a brochure and advertising. Courses begin Fall 2018.

**Upcoming Curriculum Plans for Beacom College** – Dick reported that the College is working on a Doctorate in Cyber Defense – driving by a job market demand and a Masters in Security Management. Discussions are occurring concerning Ph.D instead of DSc. Dr. Hanson had a recent discussion with the Dean of Law School at USD concerning Cyber Law and it has a lot of possibilities.

**Recruitment** – Dr. Krebsbach was wondering if the university could develop a fact sheet that would define each program and distinguish the differences between the programs. What he finds is that some of the applicants might be better served by choosing another degree that we offer. Possibly developing an interactive survey on applicant's interest areas. The Graduate office agreed to consider this idea farther.

**Announcements:**

Graduate Hooding Ceremony – 9:00 a.m. at DPP prior to graduation.

SRI proposals are due next Wednesday, October 18.