**Graduate Council Minutes  
October 3, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Mary Bell, Dorine Bennett, Abby Chowning, Brianna Feldhaus, Mary Francis, Mark Hawkes, Rebecca Hoey, Stephen Krebsbach, Jun Liu, Austin O’Brien, Susan Slaughter, Laura Cross, Yong Wang, Leslie Stover, Renae Spohn, Mark Spanier, Cherie Noteboom, Kailah Riedesel, Stacey Berry, Ronghua Shan, Jenette McGreevy, Pat Engebretson, Dan Talley, Samantha Dirkson,

The Graduate Council approved the following curricular items. These items are posted to the DSU website https://blogs.dsu.edu/public-info-curriculum/. The Intent to Plan is attached to these minutes.

**Course Modifications**  
BADM 732 Supply Chain Analytics (remove prerequisite)  
CET/LT 712 Instructional Technology for Active Learners (title, description)  
CET/LT 731 Multimedia Production (title, description)

Intent to Plan - MS in Data Privacy

Council approved the graduate faculty nominations: Megan Schuh, Khandaker Ahmed, Ahmad Al-Hammouri, Chad Fenner, Abid Mehmood, Jared Soundy, Jonathan Lancelot, Andrew Behrens, and Mohammand Tafiqur Rahman.

Graduate Office Report:

* Enrollment numbers for Fall. This information included enrollment growth, gender and international growth.
* Student inquiry numbers, those that apply, those who are admitted.
* Increase marketing scope, partnership and outreach progress.
* GRI and Phd Residency.
* EAB team will be on campus Tuesday, October 29. Invitations should be on your calendar.
* 40 students were awarded graduate assistantships this academic year representing 10 of the 12 graduate programs. Athletics supported 8 students and other external funding supported 6 students.
* Updating dissertation guidelines. The sub-group working on these guidelines should be complete soon. Guidelines will be general, templates and program specific requirements will be generated in each college. Dissertation chair training will start in spring.
* Dissertation workload adjustments to acknowledge and more accurately compensate faculty, especially for summer work continues.
* Accelerated program GPA change implementation this fall. Next steps to work with undergraduate counselors and adjust language in web resources and next academic catalogue.

The council explored various approaches for managing student inquiries directed to faculty. One suggestion was to implement a standardized response script and involve the graduate office in the replies. The graduate office would then follow up with the students.

Dr. Hoey provided an overview of DSU’s proposal for a tuition increase for the doctoral programs. She shared the details that were presented to the Board, which is currently reviewing the tuition rates for the upcoming academic year. There are no decisions or implementation timelines approved at this time.

**Discussion Item for Future Meeting:** Explore the possibility of implementing accelerated programs that would allow students to be automatically admitted to the master’s program.

Deans to forward curriculum items for upcoming semester/year to Mark Hawkes to facilitate planning and progress.