GRADUATE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10/24/2019   **Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**   **Location: 129 Himes Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

Lockridge called the monthly meeting of the Graduate Council to order at 10:30 am.

ATTENDANCE

Name		Name		Name		Name	
Adams	A	Gansle	P	Marchand	A	Seifield	A
Aghazadeh	P	Greckhamer	A	Perry	P	Sharky	A
Cai	P	Hamilton	P	Piccoli	P	Lee (ex-officio)	P
Francis	A	Husseneder	A	Pojman	A	Richardson (ex-officio)	P
Frick	A	Lockridge	P	Rohli	P	Wicks (ex-officio)	P

Chair announced voting is not allowed because there is no quorum present.

REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT
Lockridge asked members to review all proposals and be prepared to take action at the next meeting.

INTERIM DEAN'S REPORT
Richardson stated that the ESL Review is currently taking place, and he will forward the final report when it becomes available. He informed everyone that several policies are being revised to include in the next General Catalog.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS' REPORT
No report.

OLD BUSINESS

PHD IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
Carol Friedland (Associate Professor), Charles Berryman (Chair), and Craig Harvey (Associate Dean-College of Engineering) were present to provide additional details about the proposed online Ph.D. in Construction Management. The online PhD is intended for established academic, research, or industry professionals who wish to further develop their knowledge and expertise in a construction-related area. The graduation requirements for the online and on-campus programs are identical; however, because of the nature of pursing a PhD remotely, there are some differences between the delivery methods. The online delivery of the PhD in Construction Management follows the guidelines and regulations of the campus-based PhD program with the following exceptions:

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1. **Admissions**

   - Applicants for the online PhD program must have an earned master's degree.

   - Applicants for the online PhD program must demonstrate significant industry or research experience that equips them with the knowledge, skills, data (or ability to collect data), communication skills, equipment, resources, and discipline to pursue a doctoral degree in construction management remotely.

   - Applicants for the online PhD program must provide a PhD research prospectus with their application, consisting of three pages, each outlining an intended research topic that relates to a larger research issue.

   - The admissions committee will evaluate if completion of the proposed research would likely result in significant contributions to the academic field as evidenced by accepted journal publications and a coherent, defensible dissertation.

   - Upon application, an initial supervisory committee of at least three (3) faculty will be established to review the PhD research prospectus. The committee will review the applicant's prospectus and application materials to decide if the student can be accepted into the online program. If the committee determines that the academic and professional preparation of the student are in line with the rigors of the online PhD program but the research prospectus would not be likely to result in high quality journal publications and dissertation, the committee may elect to give feedback to the student to help strengthen the application.

   - If the applicant's academic and professional preparation are deemed insufficient for likely success in an online program but are acceptable, the student would be encouraged to pursue the on-campus PhD program.

2. **Program of Study**

   - If the an initial supervisory committee determines that the academic and professional preparation of the applicant is of sufficiently high caliber and the research prospectus is acceptable, an initial program of study will be prepared by the committee for the student so the student understands the coursework requirements associated with the degree program.

3. **Dissertation Hours**
    - Dissertation hours will consist of regular, one-on-one interaction with the supervisory committee chair or other members via VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) programs such as Skype, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc., curated research support content presented through the department's Graduate Student Community Moodle site, and feedback and interaction with other online PhD students through semi-structured writing groups.

4. **Exams**
    - General and final exams will be conducted for online students following the procedures for on-campus students with the exception that online PhD students are allowed to participate remotely in accordance with Graduate School rules for Remote Participation in Graduate Committees.

Friedland stated student's research experience gained is from structured research hours and required courses. The department does not waive the GRE requirement for Ph.D. students. Harvey and Berryman spoke to the benefits of having an online Ph.D. program at LSU. The department has done a significant amount of research and training to prepare to staff to teach courses online. The department has done a significant amount of research and training to prepare staff to teach courses online. The degree has the potential to provide several research and networking opportunities for students.

NEW BUSINESS

MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Jared Llorens stated the faculty of the Department of Public Administration approved the change of reducing the required hours for the Masters in Public Administration from 45 hours to 36 hours. The change will align the program with other peer institutions. The proposal meets the 36-hour minimum curriculum of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA).
Students enrolled full-time can complete the program in three semesters. Part-time students can complete the degree in 2.5 years by taking elective courses during summer sessions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROMOTION & TENURE
No report.

GRADUATE FACULTY
No report.

AWARDS
No report.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:47 AM

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location
Monday, December 2	2:00 pm	135 Thomas Boyd Hall

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APPROVED BY:

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