

Graduate Academic Affairs Committee Meeting  
Saint Louis University  
Friday, November 10, 2023

Voting Members Present: Dana Malkus, Beth Gooden, Blessing, Takako Nomi, Jen Jen Chang, Joe Lyons, Katie Mascari, Kristi Ritcher (proxy for Steven McMillin), Nicole Pozzi, Tricia Bagsby, Ranjith Bandari, Will Rehg, Zhenguo Lin

Non-voting Members and Regular Guest Present: Marissa Cope, Janie Henderson, Jay Haugen, Nicole Mispagale, Jennifer Popiel, April Trees

Members Absent:

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1. New Program Proposals:

a. MS Finance Naresh Bansal, Chair of Finance

Dr. Bansal introduced the Finance program proposal to the committee. GAAC members asked questions regarding the approval of courses and syllabi within the finance department. The M.S. Finance new program proposal was approved unanimously.

2. Program Closures

a. Pathology, Ph.D.

There is currently only one student who is completing their dissertation work. The Pathology Ph.D. program closure was unanimously approved.

b. Occupational Therapy O.T.D.

The OTD program currently has no students. There's been a lack of interest in the program, and high turnover of faculty and staff. In the future, the program may return if there is a need. The occupational Therapy O.T.D. closure was unanimously approved.

3. Program Change Proposals

a. M.P.H. Program Jen Jen Chang, M.P.H. Program Director

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The M.P.H. program is reducing the number of required credit hours to 42  
respond to accreditation changes in required credit hours. The M.P.H. program  
change was approved unanimously.