Minutes Graduate Academic Affairs Committee April 13, 2018

Members in Attendance: R. Wood, A. Miller, A. Rellergert, A. Trees, C. Werner, H. Ardizzone, J. Barber, J. Garcia-Martinez, J. Fu, L. McLaughlin, N. Reed, S. Jayaram, S. Winton, J. Curley, L. Cash, J. Nichols, D. Daly (sub for J. Martin)

Guests in Attendance: J. Haugen, Anneke Bart, L. Huelman

<u>Call to Order</u>: R. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from the March 9, 2018 meeting

GAAC on the proposed standards to satisfy the English Language proficiency requirement for International students. Anneke Bart is working on a scoring scale so that graduate program directors understand the scores and what they mean. There was a motion to approve and a second, and a vote took place.

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- B. Accelerated CPHSJ programs (informational): These are three different programs: an accelerated CCJ program, the accelerated UPD program, and an accelerated MPH program. This is just a five-year program where they start graduate classes in their Senior year of their Undergraduate program. There was some concern about these
- C. Program Change for the MPH Program (informational): Internally within Public Health, they have revised their curriculum. They have restructured their internal classes that you need to get the degree. Jay Haugen was concerned that these changes would be considered substantial and would therefore need to be voted on by GAAC. It toomes. Other programs have

department is changing some things,
oversight over this. This is driven by external accreditation and trying
to stay in line with the

up to their curricular committee. We can kick it back and ask them for a full proposal. It was decided that this is informational only and not a substantive change.

Jan Barber then brought up the issues with the current substantive change form. The definitions of what is a substantive change are so nebulous that nobody understands it. UAAC has a sub-committee to decide if something is a substantive change and then it is brought to the big committee for voting. Their form is being revisited, so we may be able to piggyback off what UAAC decides.

Old Business:

- A. <u>Grad Catalog Policy Changes</u>: Because there is only one GAAC left, this is the last set of proposals that we will talk about this year, to give you time to go back to your constituents. The three new proposals are:
 - a. <u>Graduation Requirements</u>: A \$50 fee will be assessed for anyone who applies to graduate late. This is not to generate revenue; this is a tax for behavior modification. This is a print deadline for the program and the diploma. During the add/drop period you should be enrolled in the last classes to graduate. There will always be exceptions, and there will be an

appeal process in place for that. It costs them nothing to apply to graduate, so this is no burden on the student, it just is an attempt to stop the burden that is put on the candidacy specialists. Their work is on a cycle rotation so if a student

delays the process for the students who did it on time. There was a motion to approve and a second, and a vote took place.

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b. / Doctoral Coursework: The big change here is undergraduate coursework, numbered below 5000, cannot

have the accelerated program policy, there is no longer a need for instituting a limit to this. Therefore, since we just passed a policy on this, we no longer need the policy that you can only count 6 credits of graduate coursework towards an undergraduate degree. The dual listing/cross listing policy that was passed last year will apply for courses that overlap with undergraduate and graduate students. There was concern

seemed to think that thesis hours should count towards the 80% of credits that should be completed at SLU. There was discussion on the limit of 6 hours in Research Topics and other unstructured courses. This is designed to ensure that we

should be able