

EIT Graduate Curriculum Committee

17 March 2015

11:00 AM

EIT 543

Minutes

Members Present: Nitin Agarwal, Coskun Bayrak, Jim Carr, Yupo Chan, Michael DeAngelis

Members Absent: Hiram Patangia

Meeting called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Michael DeAngelis

Old Business

Approval of meeting minutes from March 2015

Announcements

- Committee informed that dual-listed CCFs could have separate catalog descriptions for undergraduate and graduate courses. [Michael DeAngelis]
- Committee informed that chair would be providing status update emails to originators as CCF/PCF proceed through EIT GCC processing. [Michael DeAngelis]

New Business

CCF Review

- CPSC 4392 Capstone Project – Prerequisite Change

This CCF should have been directed to the EIT Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for review. Michael DeAngelis delivered the CCF documents to Mike Tramel, chair of the EIT Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

PCF Review

- IFSC – 4+1 Program

The EIT GCC approved the PCF, pending response to several issues and suggestions. Michael DeAngelis summarized those questions and emailed Liz Pierce, originator of the IFSC 4+1 Program PCF. A copy of the questions from the committee and the responses from Liz Pierce is attached to these minutes.

Open Forum

No discussion

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m. by Michael DeAngelis

EIT GCC Meeting Minutes Attachment (2 pages)

IFSC 4+1 Program Review

SUGGESTIONS/ISSUES FROM EIT GCC TO LIZ PIERCE (MARCH 19TH, 2015)

1) Drop the term "Honors" from the program title.

The committee feels you may get some resistance at the University-level because of confusion with the newly forming Honors program on campus.

2) GRE requirement.

There is an option to allow for waiving of a GRE requirement if the GPA is above 3.5, however, there is also a requirement that students complete an application for the MSIQ or MSIS program (which requires the GRE). How will these two differences in admission requirements be reconciled?

3) B or higher vs GPA of 3.0

There was a lot of discussion over this requirement for the 4+1 program. It seems that the intent of the language in the Program Restrictions section is that once admitted to the 4+1 program student must maintain an overall 3.0 GPA **and** have no grades less than a B. Is this only in concurrent graduate courses? all courses (undergraduate and graduate) taken after admittance? You also state that no grades lower than a B is an ADMISSION requirement, but then also say that a C or better in MATH 1451 is acceptable. Can a 4+1 student ever get a grade lower than a B... even during their Freshmen - Junior years... and still be admitted to the program?

4) Application after 75 hours

A suggestion was made that you may want to have student apply earlier, even during their first year, as a method of recruitment. Conversely, it was also suggested that tracking students that failed to follow through might be an unwelcomed consequence of this idea.

5) Send applications to 4+1 Program Coordinator

Currently, you have written that applications should be sent to you directly. The committee suggests that this program will need its own coordinator (which may, of course, be you), but that students should be directed to send applications to a more generic position person.

6) Meet with Graduate Advisor or Graduate/Program Coordinator?

In the Program Restrictions section, the document says that students must meet with a "graduate-level advisor". It was noted that many graduate students don't have official advisors when they enter graduate school, so it was suggested that it might be better for the student to initially meet with the 4+1 Program Coordinator

7) Thesis vs Non-thesis options

It appears from the listing of courses that there IS a thesis option for the 4+1 program. How will thesis deadlines (e.g. proposal, proposal defense) be handled? Proposal defenses are supposed to be scheduled for the end of the first year of the MS degree, but that would seem to be difficult to do for a student that is taking 12+ credits (6 grad-level, 6+ undergrad-level) per semester in their final, undergraduate year.

RESPONSES FROM LIZ PIERCE TO EIT GCC (MARCH 24TH, 2015)

(1) Drop the term Honors - Done! The College thought that Accelerated might be a better term.

(2) GRE Requirement - The Master's programs in Information Quality and Information Science do require the GRE. However, the Graduate Certificates in Information Quality and Information Science do not. Moreover, students successfully completing the Graduate Certificates are eligible to waive the GRE requirement and continue on for their Master's. Because the courses in the Graduate Certificate are an embedded subset of their respective Masters and because the Accelerated students will be completing the Certificate courses first, they will be eligible to apply for the MS based on successful performance in their first four graduate courses.

(3) GPA of 3.0 - I changed the wording to 3.0 Average in their undergraduate and graduate courses (rather than per course). This will allow students to balance a C in one course with an A in another.

(4) Application after 75 hours - We will definitely be advertising and recruiting students prior to 75 hours. However the Graduate School has defined for us that students cannot apply/be accepted until 75 hours are completed.

(5) Revised wording to make Program Coordinator more generic.

(6) Revised wording to refer to 4+1 Program Coordinator.

(7) Students can choose between either a Project or Thesis. Depending on the student's time table, preference, and time resources, the Program Coordinator can work with the student to identify whether the Project or Thesis would be a better choice.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM COSKUN BAYRAK (APRIL 1ST, 2015)

1. How many C's can be balanced with A's?
2. Certificate can roll into a master without GRE is this correct? If so, what is the gradshool's requirement of "must have a GRE"?

RESONSES FROM LIZ PIERCE TO EIT GCC (APRIL 2ND, 2015)

Regarding how many C's balance with an A, we are looking at the students' semester GPA so whatever credits, number of courses, and other grades are needed to achieve a 3.0 or above.

My experience with the Graduate School is that programs can waive the GRE. The key thing is that programs need to make this explicit in their program's catalog description.