

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) Meeting, Spring 2014

March 10*, 2014

11 am to 12 noon

EIT 543

Present: Patrick Pellicane, Yupo Chan, Nitin Agarwal, HIRAK Patangia, Coskun Bayrak

1. Minutes from the February 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Committee was informed of the revised prerequisites for the "IFSC 7370 Data Science and Technologies" course. This was with regards to the suggestions made and questions raised by the committee in February 17th meeting. The proposal was however, approved conditioned upon the listing of appropriate prerequisites for the course. New prerequisite requirement for the course mentions, "IFSC 7320 or CPSC 7351 along with working knowledge of Java programming or consent of the Instructor". Coskun motioned to approve the minutes, HIRAK seconded.

2. Proposal from Information Science department on a new graduate certificate in Data Science was discussed. Committee noted,

(a) The LON mentions 12-18 credit hours for the graduate certificate however, the PCF mentions 12 credit hours. The number of credit hours for the certificate need to be consistent and fixed. To the best of the knowledge of the committee, the minimum number of credit hours required for a certificate is 15. This must be ensured.

(b) Language for conditional admission needs to be simplified. Currently, it is too details. Committee suggested to keep it basic. For example, something like the following could be use, "For conditionally accepted students, regular admission status would be granted based on satisfying the stipulations mentioned in the admission letter."

(c) The committee further suggested to consider some samples (SYEN has a few certificate programs).

The revised proposal will be discussed in the next meeting.

3. Proposal from Information Science department on a new Masters in Information Science degree was discussed. Committee noted,

(a) Language for the conditional admission need to be simplified. Currently, it is too details. Committee suggested to keep it basic. For example, something like the following could be use, "For conditionally accepted students, regular admission status would be granted based on satisfying the stipulations mentioned in the admission letter."

(b) Should there be a minimum GRE/GMAT requirement?

(c) The Masters program in SYEN waives GRE requirement if the student's baccalaureate GPA is greater than 3.5. Committee suggested this may be helpful for the IFSC Masters program.

The revised proposal will be discussed in the next meeting.

4. Next meeting scheduled on April 7, 2014 at 11 am in EIT 543.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

* Due to the UALR inclement weather policy in effect on March 3-4, 2014, the originally scheduled GCC meeting had to be rescheduled on March 10, 2014.