

**UAH GRADUATE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Present

Representing

Eric Fong
Ivey Mackenzie

College of Business
College of Business

Phillip Ligrani
Michael Anderson

College of Engineering
College of Engineering

Boris Kunin
Rob McFeeters

College of Science
College of Science

Ellise Adams

College of Nursing

Jason O'Brien

College of Education

Non-voting Members

David Berkowitz, Chair
David Moore
Janet Waller
Tonya Welker

Representing

Graduate Studies
Library
Registrar
Graduate Studies

Dr. Berkowitz opens the meeting with an update on recent recruiting efforts

Old Business

- Program Specific GPA: Dr. Berkowitz reminds everyone of the recent discussion concerning program specific GPA
Rob McFeeters motions that we accept program specific gpa for graduation requirements
Michael Anderson seconds the motion
A vote is taken and it is passed unanimous

New Business

- REMOVAL OF A CAPSTONE COURSE REQUIREMENT : Michael Anderson discusses the removal of a capstone courses
 - Proposal: The College of Engineering is proposing the removal of the capstone requirement for the MS degree. The proposal would allow for a 30 credit (all coursework) option to fulfill the graduation requirements. This option is intended to serve students who are interested in a MS degree without necessarily progressing toward a PHD and students who are enrolled in a PHD program directly from a BS degree to obtain an MS degree during their studies.
 - Implementation: If a department in the college selects to establish this option, a list of courses would be developed that would account for the 10 courses to complete the MS degree. Additionally, the same requirements for the minimum number of courses in the major and minor (4 courses in the major and 2 – 2 course minors) as well as the number of allowable 500/600 courses (no more than half of the courses at the 500 level) would not be changed. This option would also not change the thesis option.
 - Benefits: The benefit will be to allow students to complete a MS degree using only classes. Benefits to UAH are that individual students can complete the MS degree without faculty mentors.
 - Satisfactory performance: The satisfactory performance would be evaluated through the completion of the 30 credit hours of coursework while satisfying the college requirement that an overall GPA of 3.0 be achieved and a GAP of 3.0 in all 600 level courses be achieved.

Michael Anderson makes a motion to accept non capstone non exam option that are program specific
 Rob McFeeters seconds the motion
 A vote is taken and it is passed unanimously

Janet Waller reminds the council changes to their program they will need to submit program change forms.

- UPCOMING AWARDS: Dr. Berkowitz reminded the council that the Graduate Advisor and Graduate Mentor Awards will be accepting nominations.

Meeting was adjourned