REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: April 23, 2023

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Graduate Council met on April 21, 2023 to review and approve the following items after listening to a brief presentation by the proposing unit and constructive discussions:

1. Proposal: MS in Data Science & Applied Statistics. Approved by a majority vote after a discussion on the need of making computational ethics a more prominent aspect of the program.
2. Proposal: PHD in Software Engineering. Approval pending for a support letter from the Computer Science. An e-vote will be conducted once the letter becomes available. The main concern was potential overlap in the curriculum.
3. Proposal: Substantial Changes to EdD in Educational Leadership. To build-in more structure to enhance the learning experience of students in the online 3-year EdD in Educational Leadership program, the required 18-unit dissertation units will be executed as 12-unit dissertation research and 6-unit guided research courses in ethics and data analytics (3-unit each). EdD is not a Ph.D degree and it's dissertation projects are applied and focuses on one application/policy/issue only. Proposal was approved.
4. Proposal: Substantial Changes to Art and Visual Culture Education (ARVCMA). A new option that replaces the thesis with a capstone project would provide better learning experience for students with a professional-focused career path. Proposal was approved.
5. Proposal: Substantial Changes to Master of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. The course restructure is to meet the new accreditation requirements and respond to new development in the field. The proposal was approved

This is the last meeting of the Graduate Council in Spring 2023.

GOALS:

Graduate Council will reconvene in Fall 2023 to consider additional program proposals.