

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: Jan 1, 2024

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Graduate Council met on Dec 15, 2023 to consider and approve the following. All items were approved after the presentation given by the proposing unit followed by Q&A, a seconded motion, additional discussion, and a vote.

1. Proposal: MA in Sport and Recreation Leadership. This in-person graduate program will meet the needs of student athletes and provide continued educational opportunities for undergraduates coming from Sports and Society major and the Recreation and Sport in Communities, Parks, and Schools minor. The proposal was approved by majority vote with one opposed and one abstention.
2. Proposal: MS in Marriage and Family Therapy. Marriage and Family Therapists, often referred to as MFTs, are highly sought-after, licensed mental health professionals that treat individuals, couples, and families. Recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as one of the five core mental health professions, MFTs work to understand symptoms and diagnoses with a unique focus on interpersonal interactions – family, coworkers, friends – and how these relationships can help or challenge mental well-being. This master's degree program in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) provides students with applied learning experiences and a direct pathway to licensure in the MFT profession. It is for the national licensure, students need to complete at 61 credit units. Proposal passed unanimously.
3. Proposal: MD – Global Medical Degree. This proposal was first reviewed and approved by the ad hoc Professional Program Review Committee organized by Chair Hammer. Then approved at the Faculty Senate, and finally approved at the general GC meeting. The proposal was approved unanimously. This abnormal approval process was due to the extremely tight approval deadline set on the Australian side.

A total of 20 voting members took part in the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm. GC's next meeting is on Jan 19, 2024.