

Graduate Academic Affairs Committee– Meeting Minutes
Saint Louis University
February 14, 2025

Voting Members Present: Sebastian Arteaga, Dana Baum, Toby Benis, Helen Lach, Zhenguo Lin, Dana Malkus, Katie Mescari, Srikanth Mudigonda, Takako Nomi, Jen Popiel, Nicola Pozzi, Rabia Rahman, Kristi Richter, Ness Sandoval, Katie Stamatakis, Chris Thomas, Ashley Yukihiro

Non-voting Members Present: Marissa Cope, Christine Harper, Jay Haugen, Janie Henderson, April Trees

Absentees: Steve McMillin, Nicole Mispagel, Steve Sanchez

Guests: Sarah Arkbauer, Maria Weber

I. **Approval of January 2025 Minutes:** Approved. Change attendance for Ashley Yukihiro.

II. **Discussions**

1. **Program Change Proposals**

a. **330: Health Data Science, M.S.** (Sarah Arkbauer & Divya Subrmaniam)

The program is requesting minor changes in order to accomplish goals of better accommodating students' needs for curricula. The introductory data science course will integrate introductory materials and concepts from individual courses into one. The other two required courses are proposed to better align with industry standards based on feedback from an external committee. Course learning objectives and assessments will not change. GAAC approved unanimously.

b. **399: Information Systems, M.S.**

Extend the current 8-week course offering to a 16-week format to help students better transition and get acclimated into the program. The change will also provide more variety of elective options for students. GAAC requests that the program clarify their list of electives and requirements. **Will revisit at the March meeting.

c. **391: Cybersecurity, M.S.** (Maria Weber)

A new 16-week data administration course to replace current programming courses in analytics, cybersecurity and cloud computing. This addition/change will expand the pool of elective courses for students to count towards their certificates. GAAC requests that the program provide a list of electives available to students. GAAC approved unanimously.

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- d. 377: Analytics, M.S.** Replace project management course with a programming course. Students will be allowed to complete other electives from other curricula as long as the learning objectives are inline with the programs' objectives. Program faculty will be provided with a list of possible electives ahead of time to know what students' options are. GAAC requests that a list of approved electives be published in the course catalog for visibility.

III. Other Business

Graduate Education Administration Review (GEAR) Task Force Update

Dr. Trees provided a handout detailing GEAR's description and objectives. The overall goal of the taskforce is to look at graduate education administration centralization. Dr. Trees and Dr. Baum will report updates to GAAC after GEAR meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:13am.