

2019—2020

Graduate Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

12:50 p.m., Weimer 2008

**I. Call to order**

Kelleher called the meeting to order at 12:51.

**II. Approval of minutes from January 15, 2020**

Minutes were approved unanimously. Following the meeting, Spiker pointed out an error in the minutes. In section IV, the word “should” needs to be changed to “could.” The minutes have been updated.

**III. Curriculum**

- a. Experiments in Communication Research (from November meeting)  
Weigold attended this meeting to explain his syllabus and answer any questions. Weigold explained that he pulls reading from the classic textbooks of experiments to teach the basics.

The following changes were requested:

- Update the grading policy using the UF guidelines
- Add prerequisites of 6421 (or the equivalent) and one statistics class.
- Change the title to Experiments in Communication Research to distinguish it from Experiment courses across campus.

A **motion** to take the updated syllabus to the Graduate Faculty was made by Goodman, seconded by DiStaso and passed unanimously.

- b. Name Change for RTV 6901 (from “Telecommunication Management” to “Media Management and Theory”)

The rationale for changing the title is to make the title more relevant for today’s studies.

A **motion** to take the change of title request to the Graduate Faculty was made by Goodman, seconded by DiStaso and passed unanimously.

**IV. Ph.D. Admissions**

Committee members reviewed files and information regarding doctoral admissions. At this point in the meeting, Hedge was excused, and the recording of the minutes was stopped.

ATTENDING: Attending: Kelleher, Ferguson, DiStaso, Spiker, Goodman, McNealy, Chen, Ostroff, and Hedge.