

Graduate Faculty Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 11, 2020
9-10 a.m., Zoom

I. Call to order

Kelleher called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. Minutes from 4/23/20

The minutes from the 4/23/20 Graduate Faculty meeting were approved.

III. Degree certifications, graduation with distinction

Kelleher shared the list of students graduating fall 2020 including those who applied for Graduation with Distinction. They were approved at the Graduate Committee level and will receive final approval at the full faculty meeting.

IV. Proposed name change for MMC 6660 to “Communication, Technology and Society”

Hutchens made a motion to change the name of MMC 6660 “Mass Communication and Society” to “Communication, Technology and Society.” Walsh-Childers seconded and it passed 47=yes, 0=no, 6 votes not cast.

V. Administrator evaluations – Kelleher

Kelleher thanked graduate faculty for feedback and summarized results from and responses to his 2020 administrator evaluations.

VI. GRE discussion

Paul Duncan asked that the college decide about permanently waiving the GRE for Master’s and Ph.D. applicants. It is currently being waived due to Covid-19.

Concern was expressed that it’s too soon to tell the implications of admitting students with no GRE scores. It would be helpful to require a writing sample or work sample as a means of evaluation.

VII. Other business

No other business at this time.

VIII. Adjourn

Kelleher adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.