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Graduate Academic Affairs Committee– Meeting Minutes
Saint Louis University
Friday, December 13, 2024

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Voting Members Present: Sebastian Arteaga**,** Dana Baum, Toby Benis, Helen Lach, Zhenguo Lin, Srikanth Mudigonda, Nicola Pozzi, Rabia Rahman, Kristi Richter, Ness Sandoval, Ashley Yukihiro

Non-voting Members Present: April Trees, Janie Henderson, Jay Haugen, Nicole Mispagel, Jen Popiel

Voting Members Absent: Chris Thomas, Katie Stamatakis, Takako Nomi, Katie Mescari, Steve McMillin

<u>**Guests**</u>: Jerry Edris and Maria Weber

I. <u>Discussions & Votes</u>

A. New Programs

- <u>760: Professional English Communication skills, Microcredential (Skills & Competencies) (Jerry Edris)</u>

The credential will merge a series of workshops for first-year international graduate students together to create a non-credit, 6-week micro credential. The credential will be offered as a series of modules. This will be offered in Fall 2025 and will be available to any professional or graduate students.

> ***GAAC unanimously voted to approve the Professional English Communication Skills Microcredential**

- *748: Advanced Analytics, PBC*

This certificate combines existing Analytics courses to create a PBC for students. Dr. Mudigonda provided an explanation of the certificate and answered GAAC questions about the proposal.

There was extensive discussion regarding pre-requisite knowledge that students need to have to be prepared for an advanced analytics certificate. GAAC requested added clarity regarding admission requirements to reflect the knowledge or experiences students must have to be admitted to the program.

*GAAC unanimously voted to approve the Advanced Analytics PBC contingent upon the admission requirements be updated.

- *749 Cloud Computing, PBC*

This certificate includes two new classes as well as one existing course. Dr. Maria Weber was present to present the proposal and answer GAAC questions.

There was extensive discarding pre-requisites for the existing course. Questions about learning objectives and admissions criteria were asked as well. ussion regDr. Trees recommended that this be clarified prior to students applying to the program. Dr. Baum suggested replacing the proposal verbiage, "Knowledge of" with "Experience with," to allow for more inclusivity. The assessment plan needs to have plans for identifying artifacts in courses that are a part of the certificate. The class that is cross-listed does not need to be cross-listed.

*GAAC unanimously voted to approve the Cloud Computing PBC, contingent on updates to the assessment plan.

- *750: Information Systems Consulting PBC (Maria Weber, Cybersecurity)*

GAAC decided to send the proposal back for updates because the assessment plan was missing.. Discussions and voting will be tabled until January 2025.

II. Announcements

· *Graduate Education Academic Review (GEAR) Task Force.*

The committee will be meeting in January 2025. SLU committee representation includes two deans from north and south campus; two associate deans; three faculty representatives and a graduate student representative. Dr. Trees will report back to GAAC with all necessary updates.

III. Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.