

Graduate Program Committee Meeting, 21 May 2021, 10:00-11:00am

Join URL: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/94967472268>

In Attendance: Raj, Curtis, Mohamed, Donald, Wei, Wes, Eyhab, Juhua, Athirai, Yan, Ankur, Paulo

1- Approve minutes of last meeting: May 7, 2021

- Move by Juhua, 2nd by Wei. Approved no objections.

2- NSF proposals to support our PhD program/students Update [[Wes/Eyhab?](#)]

- Raj is working with Eyhab to encourage more collaborators.
- Still looking for feedback from faculty

3- Data Science Certificate Update [Juhua]

4- Vote on adding a track for elective courses that do not fall under any track for PhD [Ankur]

- 20 credits of 500-level TCSS elective courses, chosen from at least 3 lists of different courses (see Table 3)
 - In case the 20 credits of 500-level coursework needed to satisfy the breadth, requirement does not fall in the list of different courses specified in Table 3:
- The student with approval from their PhD supervisor can petition to the graduate committee to include such course(s) in the list of approved courses towards satisfying the breadth requirement on a case-by-case basis.
- Eyhab motion, Wei 2nd. Approved with no objection

5- PhD handbook [Wes]

- Wes has completed a draft and shared it with committee
- Had some issues with formatting because there was no word file and we had to convert a pdf to word
- inserted doctoral into some areas to acknowledge the two levels of degrees available
- MSCSS was left mostly unchanged
- Tuition exempt status was updated to reflect new policies
- Copied in the PhD Program description and details
- Will email to all for a full review

6- GRE waivers for industry experienced applicants and for pandemic related excuses

- For PhD & MS or just PhD?
- 5 years of industry experience for waiver in PhD
- Publications, what is a good number? 5? waiver in PhD
- MSCSS waiver for GC-SDE students?

- Any PhD gets waiver, or only STEM PhD gets waiver of GRE
- Curtis suggested NO GRE in 2022 for everyone
- Curtis also suggested only requiring GRE and Transcripts, nothing else
- will discuss more at Curriculum Day

7- a brief report/discussion on students who are not doing well in the program [Donald]

- we need some mechanism to discuss students in the program and how they are progressing each year... quarter...
- do we meet a a whole group or as a smaller group
- Curtis described the current process of checking grades overall and in individual courses, flagging students with low marks
- This process is essential for students who we are funding for PhD research and other work

8- Graduate committee meeting on Curriculum day, September 22nd