**Graduate Council Minutes  
September 21, 2022  
4:00 pm**

Present: Kathy Callies, Dan Talley, Erin Blankespoor, Mary Francis, Mark Hawkes, Yong Wang, Kevin Smith, Kevin Streff, Rebecca Hoey, Renae Spohn, David Kenley, Stephen Krebsbach, Ronghua Shan, Dorine Bennett, Haley Larson, Jun Liu, Jennifer Mees, Cherie Noteboom, Austin O’Brien, David DeJong

**Graduate Faculty Nominations** – Council approved the following graduate faculty nominations  
Pat Engebretson, full membership  
Brenda Merkel, full membership  
Rick Melmer, associate membership  
Jean Costello, associate membership  
The Council approved the following curriculum changes. These changes can be found on DSU’s curriculum website. <https://public-info.dsu.edu/curriculum/>

**Minor Program Modification**  
MBA Sports Leadership Emphasis

**Minor course modification**  
INFS 760 Enterprise Modeling and Data Management (prerequisite)

INFS 762 Data Warehousing and Data Mining (prerequisite)  
INFS 780 Information Technology Strategy and Policy (prerequisite)

**Graduate Esports Certificate –** Dr. Hawkes indicated that the Council will be seeing curriculum items for a new Esports Graduate Certificate for the January meeting.

**Discussion:  Promoting the Accelerated MS to prospective undergraduate students** – Dr. Hawkes proposed the idea of promoting accelerated master’s degree to incoming undergraduate students. Allowing a student in the bachelor’s degrees, who achieve a certain GPA a guaranteed acceptance in the master’s program. The ideas had positive comments and felt that the university should pursue this idea. Continue to work on this idea and continue discussions at the program levels.

**Free Application Initiative** – DSU experienced an uptick in applicants due to free application. Members asked to look at if our admission numbers increase or are they applying sooner than they would have.

**Commencement –** Susan shared that around 20 students plan to attend the hooding ceremony on December 10 and would share the list with the program coordinators. Still working out the planning and will communicate more information by email.

**Program Reports** – Each of the Program Coordinators provided an update on their program which included graduation numbers, new applications numbers, curriculum changes, etc.   
  
**Graduate Assistants** – Discussed adding more graduate assistant positions using Rising II funds. Dr. Hoey indicated that the funds are restrictive toward cyber programs, but she will look at what could be done.  
  
**Enrollment specialists** - Positions are posted and reviewing applications are starting.