

**Graduate Academic Affairs Committee  
Saint Louis University  
Corrected Committee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 12, 2021**

**Present:** Martha Allen, Marissa Cope, Jami Curley, Felicia Echols, Henrietta Ehrenreich, Jesus Garcia-Martinez, Elizabeth Gockel-Blessing, Jay Haugen, Riyadh Hindi, Anne Sebert Kuhlmann, Irma Kuljanishvili, Helen Lach, Ben Looker, Stephen Magoc, Hisako Matsuo, Srikanth Mudigonda, Mark Pousson, Abbey Schnell, Mitchell Stevens, Christopher Thomas, April Trees, Robert Wood, Gina Yosten

**Excused:** Anthony Greatbatch (Replace by Elizabeth Gackle-Blessing)

The Associate Provost, Dr. Robert Wood, called the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

The Associate Provost presented the agenda to the committee for approval. The motion passed. The committee adopted the agenda with no additions.

**Associate Provost's Remarks**

- o Announced new Graduate Coordinator, Felicia C. Echols.

**Minutes**

No January 2021 meeting. The December 2020 minutes were provided to the committee for approval. The December 2020 minutes passed with no corrections.

**Correspondence**

None

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by consensus.

**April Trees – College of Arts and Sciences (Bioinformatics and Computational Biology)**

The Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Department internship wants to change the number of credit hours required for an internship/research experience from 2-3 to 1-3 credits. This change does not remove the requirement for an internship but reflects the fact that extra credit is not necessary to reach 30 credits total.

A computer science class in Computer Science is being divided into two separate courses to expand the content within those courses. Computer Science will update their catalog entry, so this is an interdisciplinary program with classes from computer science and biology adding more options for elective and required course offerings.

No discussion by the committee. No curriculum changes. Committee accepted program changes by consensus.

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

None

The GAAC adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Felicia C. Echols  
Graduation Coordinator

Dr. Robert Wood  
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs