# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2016, GBB 202, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

*Members Present:* L. Broberg, F. Brown, C. Dumke, L. Economides J. Farnsworth, L. Frey, K. Harris, G. Lind, G. Morrill, M. Murphy, S. Ross, D. Schuldberg, K. Swift  
*Ex-Officio Present:* N. Lindsay, S. Whittenburg  
*Members Absent/Excused:* C. Palmer  
Guest: Dean Humphrey

Call to Order

* The minutes from 11/16/16 were approved.

## Communications

* Chair Frey asked that Subcommittee Chairs send her an email update regarding pending curricular items.

## Business Items

* The following Social Science Items were approved.

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| **Communicative Sciences & Disorders** | | |
| [CSD 570 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1565) | Clinic Pro I | Change description, title |
| [CSD 571 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1563) | App Clin Pro Srv/Lrn | Change credits, description, repeatability, title |
| [CSD 575 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1596) | Clinical Procedures II | Change credits, description, repeatability |
| [CSD 576 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1598) | Applied Clinic II | Change credits, description, repeatability |
| [CSD 675 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1599) | Adv Clinical Extern | Change credits, title |
| Program Modification |  | ADD CSD 570 and 571 to requirements |
| Program Modification |  | Add 575 to requirements |
| Program Modification |  | Update requirements to reflect change in CSD 580 |
| Program Modification |  | Add 576 to requirements |

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| **Social Work** | | |
| [SW 419 UG](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1603) | Adverse Childhood Development | New course |

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| **Public and Community Health** | | |
| Academic Request Form | New Certificate | Global Health Certificate |

Pending items include CSD 545 and 566. The syllabi for the graduate and undergraduate level courses are the same, so it appears that there is not a higher expectation for graduate students. The two program modifications related to these courses are also pending.

* The Forestry Program review was approved with a slight wording edit.
* The Council should receive review materials for the other programs scheduled for review in February.
* Council members were sent a letter from Interim Provost Beverly Edmonds regarding funding for Occupational Therapy prior to the meeting. Dean Humphrey brought copies of sample syllabi as well. The Council agreed to approve the program to seek external funding. A motion (appended) will be drafted and sent to members for vote electronically that identifies its concerns. The motion was approved.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The Graduate Council moves to approve the creation of a new department and master’s program in Occupational Therapy (OT) on academic merit with the following considerations for the Faculty Senate.  The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) funded a feasibility study that clearly identifies the need for an OT program in the state of Montana.  The proposal submitted by Dean Humphrey demonstrates academic merit and provides a plan towards accreditation. Further, as outlined in the letter of support from interim Provost Edmond (11‑28‑16), funds to start this new program could come from several external sources or through UM program reallocation (Program Prioritization). The GC has deep concerns about the lack of committed funding sources essential for program development and start-up.   Specifically, the GC feels that an OT (or other) program that does not exist and is needed to serve the state of Montana should be provided with start-up funding from the state, or other external sources, and not through reallocation, which could weaken already struggling programs.