

# Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee (GPCC)

## General Committee Meeting Agenda

### *MS Teams Virtual Meeting*

March 23, 2022

- I. Call to Order and Attendance  
(Note: Attendance is documented based on those individuals who type their name in the chat box.)
- II. Acceptance of Agenda  
(Note: If there are no updates or edits, the agenda will stand accepted as written.)  
Motion to approve agenda: Humayun Zafar. Second to motion: Yong Shi, Diana Gregory and Sanjeev Adhikari  
All who voted were in favor of recommending approval.
- III. Approval of Minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. (*Attached*)  
(Note: If there are no corrections, the minutes will stand approved as written.)  
Motion to approve minutes: Humayun Zafar. Second to motion: Diana Gregory  
All who voted were in favor of recommending approval.
- IV. Discussion Items: none
- V. Old Business: none
- VI. New Business

### **Package #1: Information Technology**

*College of Computing and Software Engineering*

*Lei Li*

- IT 6923
- IT 6933
- Information Technology, MSIT

Proposing 2 new courses, these go with the Digital Financial proposal, and will also be electives within MSIT program.

Motion to recommend approval: Humayun Zafar. Second to motion: MA Karim

All who voted were in favor of recommending approval.

### **Package #2: Digital Financial**

*Coles College of Business*

*Humayun Zafar*

- FIS 6815
- FIS 6870
- FIS 6880
- IS 7060
- IS 7935
- Digital Financial Technologies, MS

New degree, MS in Digital Financial Technologies proposed.

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FinTech is a USG initiative launched in 2018 to create a talent pipeline for Georgia's fast-growing FinTech business sector. Atlanta processes 70% of all card transactions making this a high-demand program in the area. This cross-discipline program that will help attract graduate students, will contribute to workforce development in the fintech space. No USG institution is currently offering this type of program. Demand is high and fintech firms will require at least 2000 graduates by 2025. A survey was administered to current and former students and industry professionals, and many preferred a fully online degree program and feedback was provided on what topics would be of importance. Job market data is strong. The program will be 30 hours, where students will be able to complete the program in 18 months. The target audience would be undergraduate fintech students, people looking for career change, double owl student. Recruitment would include partnerships with fintech companies to directly recruit from executive ranks, establish dual degree programs with the MBA program, work with the Georgia fintech Academy, work with strategic communications.

Questions asked by D. Evans, MA Karim, T. Bandyopadhyay: Are certain topics embedded in the program? Can undergraduates get a FitTech job? Which program is closest to comparison in the Atlanta area? This is a dynamic field, but there are some stable topics. UGA and GSU have courses but not programs. There is a lot of space in this area. KSU focus is on payments, so there is a unique component. Motion to recommend approval: Tridib Bandyopadhyay. Second to motion: Diana Gregory. All who voted were in favor of recommending approval.

### **Package #3: Mechanical Engineering**

*Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology*  
*Valmiki Sookal*

ME 6710

New elective course being proposed. Students do not currently have any ME electives to choose from. Motion to recommend approval: Humayun Zafar. Second to motion: Diana Gregory, Tridib Bandyopadhyay, and Yong Shi. All who voted were in favor of recommending approval.

VII. Tentative Items for Review: none

VIII. Other Business

I. Expedited Curriculum Procedure: consideration of items for the expedited review process. Kris DuRocher: expedited items do not go through PCCs. Recommendations were presented to the body. Six recommendations for expedited course changes. Humayun Zafar: How do we make changes in the future? Any PCC member can propose changes. This can go through the chair or curriculum office which will bring proposal to EC. Recommendations of what qualifies for the Expedited Process for Programs were presented. Nikki Palamiotis: How does Graduate College fit in this process? The only step removed is the PCC step. Humayun Zafar: How much workload would this have saved us this past year? There were several of these on the agenda this year, but difficult to say how much time this could have saved for members. Next steps: Bring recommendations to respective colleges. Recommend an electronic vote on each proposed change.

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#### IX. Announcements

I. Next GPCC Executive Committee meeting: April 13, 2022

II. Next GPCC General Committee meeting: April 27, 2022

\*Meeting schedules with links, agendas, and minutes can be found on the <https://cia.kennesaw.edu> website under Curriculum Committees, UPCC, Schedule/Agenda/Minutes.

III. Reminder: Elections for AY2023. They will take place at the April GPCC meeting. Committee member names are due for the updated roster by the end of March.

#### X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1:27

# GPCC General Committee Meeting – ATTENDANCE

Meeting date: 03/23/2022

*\*\*For virtual meetings, attendance (and quorum confirmation) is documented and based on the individuals attending who typed their name in the chat box to be recorded.*

Name	Present	Representing
Bo Yang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	College of Science and Mathematics
<b>Cherilyn McLester*</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wellstar College of Health and Human Services
Diana Gregory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	College of the Arts
Eric Albrecht	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	College of Science and Mathematics
Ethel King-McKenzie (*Diana Gregory as proxy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bagwell College Education
<b>Humayun Zafar*</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coles College of Business
Jane Brannan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wellstar College of Health and Human Services
LeeAnn Lands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences
M.A. Karim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern Poly. College of Eng. & Eng. Technology
Reza Meimandi Parizi	<input type="checkbox"/>	College of Computing and Software Engineering
<b>Sanjeev Adhikari*</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	College of Architecture and Construction Management
Sumit Chakravarty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern Poly. College of Eng. & Eng. Technology
Tom Okie	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Tridib Bandyopadhyay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coles College of Business
<b>Yi Jin*</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bagwell College of Education
Yong Shi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	College of Computing and Software Engineering
<i>(vacant)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	College of Architecture and Construction Management
<i>(vacant)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	College of the Arts
<b>total voting members present</b>	<b>13/16</b>	<i>*quorum is ½ of voting members being present (including proxies) as per the GPCC by-laws</i>

Name	Present	Non-Voting
Amy Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum Support Office
Anissa Vega	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Office of the Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
Brichaya Shah	<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Learning Innovations, Director
David Baugher	<input type="checkbox"/>	College of Graduate and Prof. Ed., Sr. Asst. Dean
David Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Library System
Leigh Funk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Office of Accreditation and Policy
Mardi Richardson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registrar or Designee
Mark Forehand	<input type="checkbox"/>	Office of Graduate Admissions
Michelle Miles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Journey Honors College
Sheb True	<input type="checkbox"/>	College of Graduate and Prof. Education, Assoc. Dean
Tim Blumentritt	<input type="checkbox"/>	College of Graduate and Prof. Education, Assoc. Dean
<i>(vacant)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate Student Representative (GRA)
<i>(vacant)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Journey Honors College

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Guest Name + Department	Guest Name + Department
Alison Keefe, CCOB	Gunjan Batra, CCOB
Khawaja Saeed, CCOB	Jungkyu (Justin) Park, Mech. Engineering, (guest)
Andy Green- Coles College of Business	Paul Parker - Office of the Registrar
Lei Li, guest, CCSE	Ann Vancza, Graduate College
Raven Malliett CSO (guest)	Saurabh Gupta CCOB
Dominic Thomas, CCOB	Chris Wilder CCOB
Valmiki Sooklal, ME	Kris DuRocher - CSO
Nikki Palamiotis – Graduate College	
<b>NOTES:</b>	
Proxy: Diana Gregory for Ethel King-McKenzie	