

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**  
DENA KNISS, CHAIR  
MEETING AGENDA for  
DATE/Time: – **MARCH 9, 2022 at 2:00 PM via Zoom**

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**I) Call to Order**

**II) Charge to Committee per Faculty Senate President for 2021-22**

- Work closely with the Graduate Advisory Council and consult regularly with the Graduate School Dean - review curriculum proposals, but also be proactive in policy development
- Recommend a policy on standardizing the credentials required for faculty to be designated as graduate faculty
- Ensure faculty initiative in the creation and/or termination of graduate programs
- Examine the relocation of GRAs from individual departments to the Graduate School

**III) Program and Course Proposals**

**A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry**

i) Department of Computing and Mathematics

(a) Applied Computer Science, M.S.

REQUEST: Revise Program

Rationale: We are no longer requiring applicants to provide Letters of Recommendation with their application.

**B) University College**

i) **Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service**

(a) Criminology, M.A. (Face-to-Face Modality)

REQUEST: Delete/Deactivate Program

Rationale: The M.A. in Criminology began in Fall 2011 as a face-to-face program and gradually increased online course offerings since 2015. Starting in Fall 2020, all courses in the program have been 100% online. The transition from in-person to online modality was highly recommended to meet the growing needs of potential and current students who are usually working full-time in the field of criminal justice, criminology, public safety, non-profit, and others. Also, the transition to online modality helps retain students who completed the fully online B.S. in Criminology and wish to continue onto graduate education without changing institutions. The M.A. in Criminology now deactivates the face-to-face modality to fully support the online modality.

**IV) New Business**

A) Comprehensive Program Review

- i) M.A. Criminology
- ii) M.A. Sociology
- iii) M.A. Psychology
- iv) MPA Public Administration
- v) Ph.D. Psychology

B) Graduate Catalog Change Requests – Graduate Course Loads for GA Eligibility (attachment)

**V) Old Business**

- A) GA Guidelines for Assistantships within Academic Affairs - update
- B) Next Meeting: April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3:30 p.m. via Zoom