

**GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
APRIL 13, 2020 @ 3PM**

**Graduate Studies Committee:** Jianying Gu, Chandan Acharya, Ming Tang, Xiaowen Zhang, Margaret Berci, Fumio Someki, Ruth Powers Silverberg, Vinay Vaishampayan, Katharine Goodland (Chair), Alfred Levine, Susan Smith-Peter, Maureen Garvey, Catherine Paradiso, Li Ge, Barbra Teater, David Allen, Jonathan Peters

**Excused:** John Sandler, Bilge Yesil, Jinyoung Kim, Roslyn Bologh, Marcello Lucia, Greg Phillip

**DATE: APRIL 13, 2020**

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1. The minutes from March 9<sup>th</sup> were approved. (all listed above but L. Ge)
2. Proposal from the English MA Program:
  - a. Change in existing Mission Statement was approved after a consultation and a slight change made as a friendly amendment from the School of Education. The change adds the word "College" to "English Classroom." So the phrase now reads "College English Classroom."
3. Proposal from the Department of History for:
  - a. Change in degree requirements: Double Counting Policy was unanimously approved.(all listed above)
4. Electronic Thesis/Capstone Submission (option #2) to Library during Closure had overwhelming support for Option # 2. (#2 B. Teater, D. Allen, Fumio Someki, M. Tang, V. Vaishampayan, J. Gu, L. Ge, X. Zhang, Goodland) (#1 A. Levine, R. Powers Silverberg, C. Paradiso)
5. Adoption of the University's Guidelines for 4 + 1 Programs was approved based on the adjustments in language addressing credits in the Bachelor's degree was approved contingent on the change in language addressing credits. (All members listed above but V. Vaishampayan, L. Ge and S. Smith Peter would approve as long as language was changed).