Name of Committee: Grad Council Master's Committee

Date of Meeting: 11/10/2015

Name of Graduate student attending meeting: Damian Manda

The master's committee discussed 3 proposals at this meeting, all of which were sent back for minor corrections. I expect them all to be approved after these corrections are made.

Establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Technology Integration - Intended as a program for teachers wanting additional technology training. Does not currently meet NH requirements for technology integrator certification due to lack of internship, but provides the required skills otherwise. Would be taught primarily online, with an option for some in person classes.

Establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Data Science - This would be a limited introduction to data science, for those who do not intend to complete any of the full masters degree options under the new Analytics programs. It is designed for working professionals, and as such does not require any in class portions and is able to be spread over a number of semesters, requiring a minimum of two online terms. Provides background in statistics, programming and general data processing.

Closure of the Executive MBA Program - The executive MBA at UNH has seen declining enrollment and this year no class was admitted as only 2 approved applicants had enrolled. They were convinced to change to the Flex MBA, and this seems to be a more viable option going forward. An assessment shows that the Executive MBA program would have to implement costly additional services to be competitive in a program that is already losing money or raise tuition to a level where we would lose people to better known programs. Due to changing work environments, executive MBAs are rarely needed anymore, so this program is rapidly becoming obsolete.