

Oakland University

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – Meeting #6

Location: 242 KL

Meeting Time: 1:30-3:30 pm

Approved: 01/11/2017

Present: Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Margaret Glembocki, Zissimos Mourelatos, Claudia Petrescu (Chair), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor, Rajeev Singhal, Kris Thompson, and Jennifer Vonk

Absent: Ledong Li, Robert Noiva, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, and Julia Smith,

Staff: Tina Tucker (Secretary)

Claudia Petrescu called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kris Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Jennifer Vonk second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Graduate Research Conference Call for Proposals has gone out.

The Graduate Student Orientation was held Monday, November 7th. Thirty-three percent of students that RSVP for the event attended.

The most recent PhD get-together was held Tuesday, November 8th. Approximately fifteen students attended the event. Each school was represented. Dr. Petrescu found that the PhD students enjoy the opportunity to meet other students, and they would like to see more services offered in relating to how to support writing and research.

The request for catalog changes went out on Tuesday, November 15th.

Dr. Petrescu will be attending the National Graduate School Conference in D.C. December 6th-9th. She shared a report received from CGS that shows the graduate schools strong growth in first time enrollment of underrepresented minorities of 3.9%

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE—Mohammad-Reza Siadat

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

2017 MAGS Inaugural Three Minute Thesis Competition (See Attachment A for competition details): Dr. Petrescu recommended internally organizing a similar competition, and send the winner of the internal competition to the Mags Competition. The Council members discussed having the competitors present their three minute thesis to the Council. A place holder needs to be placed with MAGS by February 28th, and the student name is due to MAGS by March 17th. The Council agreed to have the students present during a future council meeting in the early spring.

English Language Proficiency Policy Amendment: The policy approved by Council on October 26, 2016, did not specify that it only applied to students holding a F1 visa. Applicants with all other visa types (excluding F1) who are eligible for admission and provide evidence of mid-range scores, will be required to enroll for ESL coursework, along with their academic coursework, starting in their first semester of registration.

The Council discussed adding the new Pearson Test of English (PTE) to the acceptable English proficiency tests. The test is computerized and results are available within five minutes. During discussion it was brought up that some Michigan Licensing Boards require a specific English proficiency test. Graduate Study will look further into the accrediting agencies research more about the PTE.

Meir Shillor moved to wave the second reading of the amended English Language Proficiency Policy. Rajeev Singhal second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kris Thompson made a motion to approve the amended English Language Proficiency Policy as written without the Pearson Test of English. Meir Shillor second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Test Ban Policy: Through discussion, the Council agreed that the wording of the revised policy would have a negative effect on presentations and term projects that are sometime used as a final exam. It was also thought to disadvantage the students, losing a week to finish final projects and research papers. The Council noted that they would like to see a rationale for the revised policy and would like to know where it originated from.

Pre and Post Master Certificates—analysis and discussions: Dr. Petrescu shared the analysis of the pre and post master certificates, showing credit hours, course levels, and enrollment. She asked the Council to look at the analysis and consider if it would be possible to roll some of the post-master's certificates into the pre-master's certificates to make them more appealing to students. She explained that not all areas may be able to or may not want to combine the post into the pre. Dr. Petrescu is wanting to look into possibly creating a mechanism for the areas that may want to. The Council recommended sharing the analysis with the departments and ask how they may use the certificates to attract student into other programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Criteria and process for awarding Graduate Study scholarships to students who apply by early admission deadlines

Criteria:

1. In 300 words or less, why do you want this award?
2. What is your community involvement? Explain.
3. What is your GPA?
4. What is your field of study?

Master of Science in Information Technology Program Modification Proposal: Reviewers: Kris Thompson **(Tabled until further notice)**

Dr. Petrescu met with the Deans of The School of Engineering and Computer Science, Dr. Louay Chamra, and The School of Business Administration, Dr. Michael Mazzeo. They agreed that Dr. Chamra would go back to the faculty of The School of Engineering and Computer Science and decide on a word to add to the program title to differentiate it from the MS in Information Technology Management.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned approximately 2:43 PM.

ATTACHMENT A

Institutional Guidelines:

- Only MAGS member institutions, in good standing, are eligible to compete.
- The institution must hold its own 3-MT[®] competition. Institutions may not nominate a student who did not compete in a local competition.
- The institution must register their competition with the University of Queensland. See “Step 2” for all necessary instructions.
- Students enrolled in either Master’s and Ph.D. programs may compete. A student’s program of study must contain an original research project. The degree program need not formally require a thesis or dissertation, however the presentation topic must cover the original research project.
- One student per institution is allowed.
- Students must be an enrolled student during the semester of the MAGS competition.

Nomination of a Student Competitor:

- Only the official who supervises graduate education (e.g. graduate dean) may nominate a student for competition.
- Nominations of a student may be accomplished in one of two ways:
 1. **Submit the MAGS 3-MT[®] Nomination Form by 28 February 2017.** Send to 3mt@mags-net.org with the subject “Re: 3MT Nomination.” Attach the PowerPoint slide.
 - **OR**
 2. **Complete the MAGS 3MT[®] Place Holder Form by 28 February 2017.** Send to 3mt@mags-net.org with Re: 3MT Placeholder. Then **submit the MAGS 3-MT[®] Nomination Form by 17 March 2017: 5:00 pm central time.** Send to 3mt@mags-net.org with the subject “Re: 3MT Nomination.” Attach the PowerPoint slide.
- For the 2017 competition, MAGS will allow those institutions who are unable to meet the 28 February 2017 deadline to submit a **Place Holder Form** to reserve a slot for a student competitor. Those institutions are then required to complete the nomination by 17 March 2017. **Institutions are urged to submit the complete nomination form as early as possible.**

General Information:

- MAGS will waive conference registration fees for competitors.
- The nominating institution is responsible for all transportation, lodging and meals. Please review the conference program to determine which meals are included with registration.
- Students are encouraged to arrive Thursday, attend the Thursday evening reception, compete Friday morning then depart Friday afternoon. This will incur only one night of accommodation costs.
- Students will receive a letter detailing important information after all nominating materials have been received.
- Students must complete and submit the **MAGS Release Form**. The student should submit this form upon registration at the conference.
- Students should register at the conference no later than 8:00 a.m. Friday morning.
- Upon registration at the conference, students should inquire as to when and where the organizational meeting will be held on Friday morning.

Competition Rules:

- One single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. Slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description of the slide content is not allowed.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. notecards, scripts, pointers, costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Presentations are limited to 3:00 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3:00 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter begins through movement or speech.
- The decision of the judging panel is final.

Judging Criteria:

- Competitors will be evaluated and ranked by a judging panel guided by the Judging Matrix.
- Feedback regarding the competitor's performance will not be provided.