

Oakland University Graduate Council Minutes October 30, 2002 R E V I S E D

Present: Randy Gu, Randy Hansen, Mille Merz, Kathleen Moore, Dale Nesbary, Sherri Oden, Darlene Schott-Baer, Ishwar Sethi, Kristine Thompson, Absent: Lisa Hawley, Mohinder Parkash, Staff: Barbara Kooiman, Claire Rammel

Call to Order

2:15 p.m. by Ranald Hansen, Interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Study

Approval of October 23, 2002 Minutes

Professors Ishwar Sethi and Sherri Oden should be added to those present. Darlene Schott-Baer should be listed as an absent member and Kristina (Thompson) should be changed to Kristine. On page one, change “critical care” to “service setting.” On page two under “Other Business – Cooley Law School,” add Jay Meehan, Donald Mayer and Vincent Khapoya to the Faculty group. The minutes were approved unanimously with these changes.

Second Reading – Nursing Graduate Certificate Proposal

Professor Darlene Schott-Baer answered questions regarding the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education Proposal. Most School of Nursing faculty are involved to some extent with online courses since it is a convenient way to interact with students. While professors teaching in this program will have the option to offer courses totally online, she finds this to be very unlikely. More likely, courses would be set up on Web-CT and used as a supplement. Professor Sherri Oden inquired how supervision would be handled with some of the online courses. Professor Schott-Baer replied that a preceptor would be set up at certain facilities allowing the field experience to be flexible.

Claire Rammel asked if Nursing was incorporating distance learning along with online and web technology as defined on page 2 of the proposal. Professor Schott-Baer pointed out that while the proposal refers to online and web technology, this does not include distance learning. It was suggested that a few sentences be added to the proposal for clarification.

Under the “Plan of Study” on page 4 of the proposal, some courses are identified as possible electives. Graduate Council asked whether these courses were the only courses approved as electives in this program. Professor Schott-Baer indicated students may identify other courses, but the School of Nursing Graduate Committee on Instruction (GCOI) would need to approve.

Claire Rammel asked if Master Degree students could take these courses as part of their program or as a concentration. Professor Schott-Baer responded yes they could enroll, but the courses wouldn't count toward an MSN degree. All the degree tracks in Nursing have a clinical focus geared toward a specialty. Currently, there is no place in the curriculum for a concentration. Should a decision be made to offer this as a concentration, GCOI would need to be involved in the approval process.

Outcome of Vote for Nursing Graduate Certificate Proposal

All present voted in favor of this certificate. Randy Hansen will submit the proposal to the Provost.

Graduate Program Review Subcommittee Report

The Graduate Program Review Subcommittee did not meet as originally planned. Professor Kathleen Moore asked Randy Hansen if subcommittee members should attend the Graduate Council Retreat. Randy Hansen replied affirmatively.

Other Business

The Graduate Council Retreat has been scheduled for December 6 in room 125, Oakland Center, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Graduate Council members were asked to email Randy Hansen topics to discuss at the retreat. Some suggestions for topics were:

§ Program review § Guidelines for online courses § How to handle online offerings from other sources

The next two Graduate Council meetings are scheduled for Nov 13 and November 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.