

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL APPROVED: 15 January 2003

MINUTES OF THE MEETING December 18, 2002  
100 KRESGE LIBRARY

Present: Beth Black, Ranald Hansen, Lisa Hawley, Millie Merz, Kathleen Moore, Dale Nesbary, Sherri Oden, Claire Rammel, Darlene Schott-Baer, Kristine Thompson

Absent: Randy Gu, Mohinder Parkash, Ishwar Sethi

Guest: Beth Marcoux, Health Sciences; John Nussbaumer, Associate Dean of Faculty, Cooley Law School, James Robb, Associate Dean of Development and Graduate Programs, Cooley Law School

Call to Order

This meeting was convened at 2:10 p.m. by Ranald Hansen, Interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Study

## **I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The MOTION was made, Seconded and Passed to approve the minutes of December 11, 2002, with two changes. The meeting convened at 2:10 pm, not 3:10 pm and Sherri Oden voted to approve the Graduate Certificate in General Management.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Second Reading – Proposal for a Graduate Certificate Program in Orthopedics

MOTION was Seconded and Passed to approve a Graduate Certificate Program in Orthopedics; School of Health Sciences.

B. Second Reading – Proposal for a Graduate Certificate Program in Neurological Rehabilitation

MOTION was Seconded and Passed to approve a Graduate Certificate Program in Neurological Rehabilitation; School of Health Sciences.

C. Second Reading – Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning for Rehabilitation Professionals

MOTION was Seconded and Passed to approve a Graduate Certificate Program in Teaching and Learning for Rehabilitation Professionals; School of Health Sciences.

The three graduate certificate programs in Physical Therapy under review are in Orthopedics, Neurological Rehabilitation, and Teaching and Learning for Rehabilitation Professionals. Since extensive detail and discussion was provided on each individual program at the last council meeting, members of the Graduate Council agreed to vote on them as one group.

Discussion began with Randy Hansen asking if other PT students would be enrolling in these graduate certificate courses. Kristine Thompson replied that OMPT has been offering some of these courses for several years. The Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning for Rehabilitation Professions has the newest collection of course offerings. Ms. Thompson emphasized these classes will also be offered to DScPT and Masters of Science students. She indicated the School of Health Sciences would not be able to offer these Graduate Certificates unless they get approval for two new faculty.

Claire Rammel reminded Graduate Council that the budgets for these three (3) Graduate Certificates are tied directly to the DScPT program proforma budget.

With no further discussion from Graduate Council, A MOTION was made, Seconded and Passed to approve the three (3) Graduate Certificates. They were unanimously approved.

### **III. New Business - Cooley Law School at Oakland University**

John Nussbaumer, Associate Dean of Faculty and James Robb, Associate Dean of Development and Graduate Programs from the Cooley Law School (CLS) visited Graduate Council to address questions and provide an update on status of partnership with Oakland University. He explained that a proposal has been submitted to the American Bar Association (ABA) to approve offering 60 of the 90 credits required for a law degree to an off-site location, Oakland University. In this proposal, Cooley students would then finish the last 30 credits in Lansing. Cooley Law School's goal is to eventually offer a full law school program at Oakland University. This would require further approval from the American Bar Association.

Mr. Nussbaumer indicated there is a strong market in this area for law degrees, as well as post JD education. There are presently about 32,000 admitted to the bar in Michigan, and about half of those attorneys have offices in either Oakland County or Wayne County. More lawyers work in Oakland County than anywhere else in Michigan. The Detroit area lost a law school, Detroit College of Law, several years ago when it joined Michigan State University in Lansing. The remaining law schools in the area are Wayne State University and the University of Detroit-Mercy. Historically, there has never been a law school in this part of the state. Cooley Law School plans to draw upon the resources of businesses in this area, especially in the area of intellectual property.

Mr. Nussbaumer identified Cooley Law School as the second largest law school in the country in terms of student enrollment, and one of the biggest in terms of space. They draw students from all over the country with about 30 percent from Michigan and 70 percent from other states. CLS has placed graduates in over 36 states. Cooley's president Graduate Council Page 3

has just committed \$550,000 to build an entire law library, and they would like to locate it at Oakland University. Jim Robb is working on a separate library collection for taxation and intellectual property. Mr. Nussbaumer disclosed that Cooley Law School is currently paying eight percent of their gross tuition to OU, which goes into an academic fund. He conservatively estimates that Cooley could easily have a school at OU of 300 students. James Robb, Associate Dean of Development and Graduate Programs, pointed out to Graduate Council that after

completing the JD program, students can then pursue a Masters of Law for 26 credits, which takes about one year. He then introduced the second proposal to offer two masters programs at Oakland University in the area of taxation and intellectual property.

Ranald Hansen mentioned two OU committees have been established to assist CLS. There is an administrative committee, which represents multiple areas of support required to complete the transition to OU, and a faculty advisory committee appointed by the Provost. The faculty advisory committee has developed small working teams, comprised of OU and Cooley faculty, to explore joint areas of academic interests. Some areas mentioned were criminal justice, international, pre-law, intellectual property and tax. The group as a whole will examine strengths, weaknesses, anticipated problems, and how the two institutions will fit together. Randy Hansen indicated the group would expand to involve participation from more OU faculty. Any recommendations from the faculty group would require appropriate College and School governance. The Graduate Council would also examine their findings and suggestions, not for approval but as a consensus-seeking process. The presumption is this faculty advisory group would provide a report to the OU Senate and the Academic Council.

John Nussbaumer explained that one of Cooley Law School's goals is to create the holistic lawyer, not just someone who has the skills to practice law, but someone who has good ethics across all disciplines and would make a good member of the bar. They talked about putting together a working group to look at ethics across other disciplines. Professor Hansen added that most professional degrees have a course in ethics.

Beth Black asked if they anticipate resistance from the two law schools in the area. (Wayne State University and University of Detroit-Mercy). Jim Robb replied that while they won't like it, they won't offer resistance. Resistance will probably come from other schools around the country which they compete with for students. According to Mr. Robb, CLS has talked to leaders of the ABA, county executives and judges, all are excited about the presence of a law school in this county, particular on this campus. A lot of good can be gained from this joint venture in the areas of teaching, academics, outreach to the community, and indirectly through the prestige of having a relationship between the two institutions. CLS has established a clinic that offers legal service to senior citizens. CLS represents hundreds of senior citizens every year. The clinic is under the direction of Cooley faculty, but staffed by student interns. This offers a great learning experience for the students and provides an essential service to the community.

Kathleen Moore asked how Cooley Law School students do on the bar exam. John Nussbaumer replied that approximately 75 percent of their students pass, which puts them third in the state. Cooley has invested about \$1 million in academic support during the past Graduate Council Page 4

two years, and has created an academic resource support system to help students who are at risk. Their average student age is 26.5, which is a little older than the national average of 23 or 24. Female students comprise about 51 percent of their student population, which is a recent change in the last ten years. Approximately 35 percent of the student population is minority, which is the second largest student minority population in the country. Enrollment also includes many working students and single parents.

Randy Hansen announced that Cooley Law School currently has a joint degree program at Western Michigan University and is planning to expand their partnership with them as well. Randy indicated this arrangement could provide great opportunities for OU, Western Michigan University and Cooley. He will report frequently to the Graduate Council on the progress of the partnership between Cooley Law School and Oakland University.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in 100 Kresge Library.