

Present: Dan Aloj, Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Karl Majeske, Robert Noiva, Mike Polis, Brad Roth, Darlene Schott-Baer (Chair), Meir Shillor, Julia Smith, Kris Thompson

Absent: Ledong Li, Margaret Glembocki, and Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*) – all excused

Staff: Julie Delaney and Tina Tucker (Secretary)

Guest: Diane Underwood

The meeting was convened by Darlene Schott-Baer, Chair, at 2:00 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Polis moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014, Graduate Council Meeting as corrected. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Correction made: Add Kris Condic (Ex Officio) to list of members present.

II. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Dr. Schott-Baer asked the Council members to remind their departments to submit materials that need to be brought before the Graduate Council as soon as possible.

Two reviewers are needed for the PhD in Counseling Program Modification Proposal. Bob Noiva and Meir Shillor volunteered. The first reading will be at the next meeting of the Graduate Council.

Information regarding the Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award has been publicized to the graduate students. Emails regarding the award and requests for nomination submissions have been sent to all graduate students. Information about the nomination process is currently on the Graduate Study website. The deadline for nominations is January 16th. A subgroup of Graduate Council will select someone from the nominees to forward to the Provost's office. The Graduate Council's deadline to submit their selection to the Provost's office is February 27th.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Major Modifications Guidelines. The form has been revised to indicate that a budget needs to be included in the proposal when additional resources are needed. ***The Graduate Council members voted unanimously to approve the modification guidelines form to spin-off a new graduate program.***

Moribund Course. Discussion on moribund courses will be postponed until Claire Rammel is available.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Master of Arts in Teaching. Reviewers: Karl Majeske and Brad Roth

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Motion: ***To approve the program modification proposal for the Master of Arts in Teaching.***

The proposed modification is to remove the current admission requirement to pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Professional Readiness Examination (PRE) and, instead, list as a prerequisite to the capstone experience, student teaching.

The following questions arose during discussion about the Master of Arts in Teaching program modification proposal:

1. How many students would be affected by the proposed change? Perhaps comparing international and domestic students. Currently, all students are required to pass the MTTC for admission so it is understood that there will not yet be students in the category of ones who cannot do student teaching.
2. What happens if a student cannot do student teaching? Is that currently possible? What will be the plan if they are able to still get teaching jobs in the private schools, but not in the public schools?
3. Is it possible to request two Plans of Study, one for students not doing student teaching and one for students who do student teaching?
4. How will international students be handled if this change is made?
5. Please provide clarification of how this change would affect EE and SE programs.
6. Could this affect faculty work load if non-public school sites need to be found for those not passing MTTC but still wanting to do student teaching?

Dr. Schott-Baer stated that she would invite a representative from Education to the next Graduate Council meeting to address the questions and concerns of the Council.

V. GOOD AND WELFARE

No report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned approximately 3:10 PM.