Oakland University

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 – Meeting #14

Present: Dan Aloi**,** Kris Condic *(Ex Officio),* Ledong Li, Karl Majeske, Robert Noiva, Mike Polis, Claire Rammel *(Ex Officio)*, Brad Roth, Meir Shillor, Julia Smith, Kris Thompson

Absent: Margaret Glembocki and Darlene Schott-Baer (Chair) (both excused)

Staff: Julie Delaney and Tina Tucker (Secretary)

Guest: Diane Underwood

The meeting was convened by Brad Roth, serving as chair in the absence of Darlene Schott-Baer, at 2:00 PM.

I.   **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   Meir Shillor moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Mike Polis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II.   **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

   Dr. Roth congratulated Meir Shillor on his appointment of Distinguished Professor.

   One of OU's doctoral students of the Medical Physics Program has received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. This is the first OU student ever to receive this scholarship.

III.   **OLD BUSINESS**

   No Old Business

IV.   **NEW BUSINESS**

   School of Medicine Curriculum. Bob Noiva distributed copies of the OUWB School of Medicine's curriculum to the Graduate Council. He explained to the Council that he had been notified by Academic Affairs that the School of Medicine's final curriculum had not been approved five years ago when the program was approved and established. The curriculum structure was approved but, at the time, the curriculum was not finalized. Dr. Noiva was told by Academic Affairs that the curriculum did not need to be voted on, but recommended that it be presented to Graduate Council as an informational item.

   An additional item that the School of Medicine needs addressed is the need for an additional conferral date in June for the School of Medicine. The School of Medicine's first group of students will be graduating this year. Medical students do not finish their final courses until May, which does not allow them to be finished in time to meet the University's Spring conferral date. In addition, the degrees need to be conferred prior to July 1st, when the medical students begin their internships. Dr. Noiva asked the Graduate Council to consider voting for an additional conferral date, during the month of June, for the Doctor of Medicine

degree. ***Ledong Li made a motion to add an additional conferral date in the month of June for the Doctor of Medicine degree. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Master of Science in Information Technology Management (MSITM) Program Modification Proposal—
Reviewers: Bob Noiva and Mike Polis

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.
Motion: to approve the Master of Science in Information Technology Management Program Modification Proposal.

The proposed modifications to the Master of Science in Information Technology Management are to 1) Add QMM 510, Quantitative Methods for Managers, as a Foundation course; 2) Modify the IT Core courses to provide flexibility to meet the needs of different student audiences; 3) Create a Concentration in Business Analytics; and 4) Create a Concentration in Security Management.

After some discussion ***Meir Shillor made the motion to waive the second reading of the Master of Science in Information Technology Management Program Modification Proposal. Mike Polis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Mike Polis made the motion to approve the Master of Science in Information Technology Management Program Modification Proposal. Kris Thompson seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program Modification Proposal—Reviewers: Dan Aloi and Julia Smith

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.
Motion: to approve the Master of Business Administration Program Modification Proposal.

The proposed modification to the Master of Business Administration Program is to add a Concentration in Business Analytics.

After some discussion ***Dan Aloi moved to waive the second reading of the Master of Business Administration Program Modification Proposal. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Julia Smith moved to approve the Master of Business Administration Program Modification Proposal. Ledong Li seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

Master of Accounting (MAcc) Program Modification Proposal—Reviewers: Kris Thompson and Margaret Glembocki

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.
Motion: to approve the Master of Accounting Program Modification Proposal.

The proposed modification to the Master of Accounting Program is to add the option of earning concentrations in Assurance or Taxation that will appear on a student's transcript.

After some discussion ***Kris Thompson made the motion to waive the second reading of the Master of Accounting Program Modification Proposal. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Ledong Li moved to approve the Master of Accounting Program Modification Proposal. Bob Noiva seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

Master of Science in Cybersecurity New Program Proposal—Reviewers: Brad Roth and Meir Shillor
First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.
Motion: To approve the new program proposal for the Master of Science in Cybersecurity.

The proposed new Master of Science in Cybersecurity Program would offer two paths, professional track and research track, aimed toward potential students with career aspirations in industry or academia. The Master of Science in Cybersecurity (MSC) degree will be offered by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) within the School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), in collaboration with the with the School of Business Administration (SBA).

During discussion, recommended revisions and several concerns with the proposal arose:
- Additional justification is needed in the budget for items such as two new faculty positions; one graduate assistant; 25% administrative position, what will this person be doing?
- Startup costs for hiring new faculty needs to be included in budget.
- With a program of this type, it seems there would be considerable updating of hardware and software, which should be included in the operating budget.
- Council had concern with the lack of faculty strength and concentration in the field.
- The amount per credit for graduate tuition used in the proposal was incorrect.
- The proposal states the degree will be offered in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, in collaboration with the Department of Management Information Systems. There is not a Department of Management Information System and needs to be changed to the Department of Decision and Information Sciences.
- Clarify how the thesis option will be managed. Is there enough faculty support for the thesis track?
- The budget shows a PhD graduate assistant stipend. Clarify if the graduate assistant position is to be at the PhD level.
- Include course syllabi.
- Council recommends the department see Peggy Cook in Academic Affairs for advisement on the budget prior to submitting for Senate review.

V.   GOOD AND WELFARE

No report.

VI.   ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned approximately 3:33 PM.