

Oakland University

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 – Meeting #1

Location: 242 KL

Meeting Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

Approved: 09/21/2016

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**Present:** Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Zissimos Mourelatos, Robert Noiva, Claudia Petrescu (Chair), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Rajeev Singhal, and Kris Thompson

**Absent:** Margaret Glembocki, Ledong Li, Julia Smith, and Jennifer Vonk

**Staff:** Tina Tucker (Secretary)

Claudia Petrescu called the meeting to order at 2:00PM with introduction of the 2016-17 Graduate Council members.

**ELECTIONS OF THE 2016-2017 GRADUATE COUNCIL**

Nominees:

- Secretary – Tina Tucker
- Parliamentarian – Claire Rammel
- Vice Chair – Robert Noiva

***Meir Shillor made the motion to elect the named nominees for Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Vice Chair. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Meir Shillor moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Mohammad-Reza Siadat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Committee had some discussion regarding earlier starting time of the Graduate Council Meetings. Tina Tucker will check on the availability of the meeting room for 1:30PM on the current meeting dates that are scheduled.

**Enrollment (as of September 2, 2016):**

New admits: Fall 2016 vs. Fall 2015

- Applications: ↓ (3364 vs. 3373)
- Admit yield: ↑ (37.22% vs. 33.06%)
- Enrollment yield: ↑ (67.09% vs. 61.26%)

Returning students\*: Fall 2016 vs. Fall 2015 ↓ (1944 vs. 1972)

**Overall: ↑ by 2.53 %**

\*Returning students who are program seekers

**Impacted by: New SEVIS regulation:** International students must now be fully admitted. No limited standing admissions. Can no longer study ESL consecutively with degree program. They will now be issued an I-20 based on ESL coursework then, when full admission requirement is met, another I-20 will be issued based on the program coursework.

**Admission:**

**Synchronize admission deadlines for all graduate programs** (with the exception of programs such as DPT and CRNA that have special deadline needs):

- Fall semester - February 15 (early admission), April 15 and July 15
- Winter semester - October 1 (early admission) and November 15
- Summer semester - March 1
- The early admission dates are targeting:  
students seeking a graduate assistantship  
students seeking a graduate scholarship

**International applicants:** the dates stay the same: May 1 for Fall, September 1 for Winter, and January 1 for Summer semesters

**Incentives for students to submit completed applications by early admission deadline and to enroll soon after admission.**

Graduate scholarships for students who have been admitted and enrolled by a *certain* date

- Fall 2017 applications: \$70,000 for scholarship of \$1000 each
- Winter 2018 applications: \$30,000 for scholarships

Early admission would make students eligible for a scholarship. Council members will consider criteria to use for awarding the scholarships for discussion at future meeting.

Graduate Assistantships: early applicants will be considered first for GA/TA/RA positions if interested

**GS Office:**

Continue working on software implementations

New webpage

GA contract – some minor revisions

Enrolled students: PhD student monthly meetings, 1 meeting/semester with all students.

Research Conference: March 10, 2016 – volunteers from Grad Council for the committee? Dr. Mourelatos volunteered

Alumni: 9/22 – first graduate alumni luncheon – part of capital campaign, but also to start an alumni network and to create a graduate board.

**Council work: Informational item:** graduating students list to be sent to the Grad Council at the end of each semester because one of our charges is “Recommending to the President all candidates for graduate degrees.” The list of candidates will now be posted each semester on the Graduate Council’s eSpace for Council members to review.

**GOALS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR**

Retention will be the topic for this year.

Implementation of a Graduate Admission Application Charge of \$45.00 and criteria to possibly use an application charge waiver as an incentive for recruiting.

New Policy: PhD students to get a master degree while studying for their PhD

- Opportunity for students who come into the PhD program with no master or with a master in a different academic field.
- *Requirements: 32 new credits completed, master program requirements met, additional program requirements as defined by the department*
- Opportunity for students who are not able to finish their PhD program to leave with a degree

Committee members asked to see the new policy in a policy format before voting.

## OLD BUSINESS

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

**Combined Bachelor/Master Degree in Psychology New Program Proposal: Reviewers: Julia Smith and Kris Thompson**

**Second Reading:** Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

**Motion:** To approve the Combined Bachelor/Master Degree in Psychology New Program Proposal

***Bob Noiva moved to approve the Combined Bachelor/Master Degree in Psychology New Program Proposal. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

## NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Petrescu told the Committee that a replacement was needed for Evgeniy Khain on the University Research Committee and asked for nominations or volunteers. Mohammad-Reza Siadat volunteered to serve. The Committee unanimously agreed to have Dr. Siadat on the URC. The Committee also discussed and agreed that it would be a good idea to have an update on the URC as a regular agenda item for future meetings.

**Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership New Program Proposal: Reviewers: Margaret Glembocki and Mohammad Siadat.**

Reviewers will remain as is and proposal will be presented at the next Graduate Council Meeting for the first reading.

**Doctor of Philosophy in Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program Modification Proposal. Meir Shillor assigned as reviewer.**

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 PM.