

Oakland University

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – Meeting #2

Location: 242 KL

Meeting Time: 1:30-3:30 pm

Approved: October 5, 2016

Present: Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Ledong Li, Robert Noiva, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Darlene Schott-Baer (for Margaret Glembocki), Meir Shillor, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Rajeev Singhal, Julia Smith, Kris Thompson, and Jennifer Vonk

Absent: Margaret Glembocki, Zissimos Mourelatos, and Claudia Petrescu (Chair)

Staff: Tina Tucker (Secretary)

Bob Noiva called the meeting to order at 1:35PM. Dr. Noiva chaired the meeting in the absence of Claudia Petrescu. Darlene Schott-Baer will be taking the place of Margaret Glembocki until she returns from leave.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kris Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2016, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Graduate Study sent an amended enrollment report. Originally, Guest and Professional Development students were not included in Graduate Study's count, which only included the degree seeking students. OIRA did count the Guest and PD students and adding them to the Graduate Study count made the count more unified. The new count is 2,992, which includes new and returning students.

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE—Mohammad-Reza Siadat

Committee is scheduled to meet for the first time this year on Friday. Thursday of last week, the URC held a faculty orientation on faculty awards that are offered. The next application submission deadline is October 10th for the Faculty Fellowship Award. The Council recommended that an orientation for students on student awards should also be offered.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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

Motion: To approve the Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership New Program Proposal

Meir Shillor moved to approve the Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership New Program Proposal. Rajeev Singhal seconded the motion. During discussion the Council recommended some revisions/corrections. Julia Smith said that she would make the corrections/revisions and forward the revised proposal to the Graduate Council prior to the next meeting.

- Remove the word “Team” from “Team Capstone.”
- Add “see specific courses” to table on page 18.
- Add criteria that is needed in the cognate.
- Clarify which courses are EdD only and which courses are shared with the PhD.
- Add the number of students that have shown interest in the EdD program and are currently on a waiting list to know when the EdD program will be offered.

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

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

Motion: To approve the Doctor of Philosophy in Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program Modification Proposal

Kris Thompson made a motion to waive the second reading of the Doctor of Philosophy in Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program Modification Proposal and proceed to final vote. Ledong Li seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meir Shillor made a motion to approve the Doctor of Philosophy in Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program Modification Proposal as written. Ledong Li seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Policy: Receiving a master degree during PhD studies policy:

Students who are in a doctoral program may be granted a master degree during their doctoral studies if the following conditions are being met:

- a. *they entered the doctoral program with a bachelor degree or with a master in a different field of study (and no graduate level credits have been transferred from this master towards the PhD program)*
- b. *have completed the master program requirements in terms of number of credits*
- c. *met all additional master program requirements as defined by the academic department*
- d. *have reached the competency stage of their PhD studies*

Council members discussed and suggested the removal of item “d,” and have items “a” through “c” be the minimum requirements of the policy. Any additional requirements the college/schools may want could be added by their Dean. Council asked to see the policy in a policy format for further discussion at the next Graduate Council meeting.

Discussion of criteria and process for awarding Graduate Study scholarships to students who apply by early admission deadlines.

Council had some discussion about which students should be targeted for the one-time scholarship. Should it be used as a tool to get students to apply by the early deadline or should it be used to recruit quality students? It was suggested looking at the application numbers per school to see if there could be the potential of a recruiting driven school getting the majority of the money by considering only the early application deadline. Another suggestion was looking at programs that may be in need of growth.

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

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

GOOD AND WELFARE

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned approximately 3:20 PM.