

Oakland University

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – Meeting #3

Location: 242 KL

Meeting Time: 1:30-3:30 pm

Approved: 10/19/2016

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**Present:** Ledong Li, Zissimos Mourelatos, Robert Noiva, Claudia Petrescu (Chair), Darlene Schott-Baer (for Margaret Glembocki), Meir Shillor, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Rajeev Singhal, Julia Smith, and Jennifer Vonk

**Absent:** Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Margaret Glembocki, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), and Kris Thompson

**Staff:** Tina Tucker (Secretary)

Claudia Petrescu called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Darlene Scott-Baer moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Mohammad-Reza Siadat second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Dr. Petrescu will soon have the final completion report for the PhD programs and will send it out when finalized. This will be the main topic for the PhD Coordinators' Meeting.

**REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE—Mohammad-Reza Siadat**

According to Dr. Siadat, the Research Committee met for the first time today. Topics of discussion included criteria for the \$10,000 that is available for faculty summer fellowships. Currently the criteria on the website is very broad and needs to be made more specific. Another topic discussed was funding for student travel. URC currently provides student travel funding and the Provost's Office does as well. URC would like to have the Provost's Office be the only source for student travel funding.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

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

After some discussion, *Dr. Shillor moved to approve the revised new program proposal for the Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership as written. Ledong Li second the motion.*

***Motion was approved with one abstention by Julia Smith, due to her being from the Department of Organizational Leadership and taking part in the creation of the proposal.***

**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 and requirements.*
- c. all additional master program requirements as defined by the academic department*

The Policy will be placed in the Graduate Catalog under Approved Graduate Student Policies as one of the PhD student policies. See <http://catalog.oakland.edu/content.php?catoid=21&navoid=1683>. The policy will look in the Catalog as proposed above. The policy will be effective Winter Semester 2017.

***Dr. Shillor moved to approve the new policy as written. Dr. Li second the motion. Motion passed with one opposition.***

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

Council had some discussion about what the criteria should be and agreed on 1) Student needs to apply by a fixed date. 2) Merit should be part of the criteria. 3) Scholarship money should be applied toward tuition when student is registered. 4) Scholarship amount should be set at \$1,000 so that 100 students may be awarded the scholarship. Dr. Petrescu stated that she will draft the criteria discussed and bring to the next meeting for the Council's approval.

**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 2:30 PM.