

Present: Claudia Petrescu (Chair), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Shaun Moore (*Ex Officio*), Julia Smith, Kris Thompson, Jennifer Vonk, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Margaret Glembocki, Rajeev Singhal

Absent: Robert Noiva, Zissimos Mourelatos, Ledong Li, Meir Shillor, Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*)

Staff: LaGina Edwards-Cook (Secretary)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer Vonk moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Julia Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Selection process for Grad Video competition will be opened to the Masters coordinators
The winners of the 3MT competition will be decided at the next Graduate Council meeting on March 15
The 2017 Graduate Research Conference agenda and booklet is posted on the website

REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE—Mohammad-Reza Siadat

NEW BUSINESS

A. Change to requirements for combined Bachelor/Master Program

Also known as the 4+1 program. The revised document explains that the students must apply and be accepted into the program in order to benefit from having their courses count towards their Masters degree.

B. Graduate Council Appointments for 2017-2018

The Council will need five new members for the next year. The discussion will take place at the next meeting on March 15.

C. Graduate Council Representative on University Research Committee

The Council will need two representatives for next year's Research Committee. The discussion will take place at the next meeting on March 15.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ph.D. in Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders—Reviewers: Jennifer Vonk and Meir Shillor
First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

The major concerns are as follows:

1. The budget and sustainability of the program. Specifically, the proposal has the program running in a deficit. Further, how often will the courses be offered if the program is admitting 4-6 students every third year?
2. How is faculty load affected? Will adjuncts run the program? What is the definition of an adjunct?
3. The proposal has 54 new course credits created. Are they new or cross listed?

4. There is already an Autism Specialization Certificate. How are the two related? Can a student who earned the certificate go on to earn the Masters degree?

B. New Graduate Certificate in Human Diversity Inclusion and Social Justice Proposal Reviewers: Kris Thompson and Bob Noiva

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

C. Master of Science in Systems Engineering Program Modification Reviewers: Meir Shillor and Julia Smith

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

Professor Vijit Pandey attending Grad Council meeting.

The program used to be offered through Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) as well.

However, ECE has decided to end its affiliation with the Systems Engineering program. Industrial Engineering will now be the sole department for the program.

Below are the answers Dr. Pandey provided during the meeting:

- Clarification on math requirement: There is not a required math course. This track focuses on breadth of knowledge, not depth and shows how components are relevant in other classes. The Complex Analysis course will not be taught. Absence of the course will not impact the preparedness of students
- Deleted/removed courses: Some courses don't carry over from the previous program to the proposed modified track. The ECE component is being fully removed. The proposed program will only use the systems engineering track. This track is closest to mechanical Engineering (ME) rather than ECE which will no longer offer Masters of Systems Engineering.
- What kind of future employment opportunities will there be? ME, Industrial eng, TARDEC, defense industry,
- Is the program too general? There seems to be the opportunity to take many different electives. Should the program be more specialized? No, the program already differentiates from ME in some areas. The electives only expose students to different relevant areas.

The proposal will be updated with the needed clarification from the meeting and given to Council before the next meeting in order for the Council to vote.

D. Master of Arts in Communication Program Modification Reviewers: Ledong Li and Rajeev Singhal

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

Reviewers had a few minor concerns:

- There is a typo on the effective date. The proposal says Fall 2016 but should say Fall 2017
- The proposal wants to eliminate the three present concentrations and make the program more general. However it is unclear why. The proposal says it is trying to be more streamlined, but the answer needs to be strengthened
- GPA requirement for thesis should be better explained
- Exit exam: what constitutes a pass? Needs clarification on the five question process.

Comments will be sent to the department for clarification.

E. Master of Science in Safety Management Program Modification Reviewers: Zissimos Mourelatos and Julia Smith

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but eligible for final vote at this meeting.

No new information received

F. Master of Science in Information Technology Program Modification Proposal (on Hold)

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

March 15: meeting starts at 1pm for the 3MT competition.

April 12: Celebration of Graduate Mentor Nominees; Grad Video competition winner

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50PM