

Present: Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Shaun Moore (*Ex Officio*), Julia Smith, Kris Thompson, Jennifer Vonk, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Margaret Glembocki, Ledong Li, Robert Noiva (2:00) Zissimos Mourelatos

Absent: Claudia Petrescu (Chair), Meir Shillor, Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Rajeev Singhal

Staff: LaGina Edwards-Cook (Secretary)

Visitors: Colleen Campbell (Marketing)

Kris Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Zissimos Mourelatos moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Mohammad-Reza Siadat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

3 MT Competition Presentations (1:00-2:00)

- There were 9 presentations. Naimisha Reddy Beeravolu did not attend. Paula Lauren was not scored, leaving 8 scored presentations.
- After some discussion, the Council decided to score the presentations based on total points (presentation and content) divided by the number of judges who scored them
 - Some members missed earlier presentations so an average had to be taken in the interest of fairness
- 2 members recused themselves for students in their departments or under their mentorship: Julia Smith for Godman and Jennifer Vonk for Johnson-Ulrich
- The results were a less than 1 point spread between the first, second and third places
- Julia Smith moved to turn the decision over to those judges who were present for all presentations, Zissimos Mourelatos seconded, and the motion carried unanimously
- Shaun Moore, Ledong Li, Kris Thompson and Zissimos Mourelatos voted
- Zoe Johnson-Ulrich was named the winner.

OLD BUSINESS (2:00-3:00)

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.

- Dr. Chaunda Scott attended in order to give feedback on the proposal
- At the beginning of the discussion there was some confusion as to whether the certificate met the proper guidelines because the certificate did not appear to be tied to an existing program. Dr. Scott indicated that the certificate is tied to the Masters of Training and Development Program (MTD) in the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) as it was explained into the revised program submission.
- The question that needs to be addressed is how does the connection between the MTD program and this certificate works.

- Dr. Scott also explained that the certificate could be a part time or full time program and that other Masters students would benefit from the certificate not just those in the Training and Development program. This explanation needs to be better outlined. It is still not clear how master students from various departments would benefit from this certificate.
- There needs to be an explanation of how are the departments listed in the proposal provide support for the certificate (see #4 in proposal).
- In #3 in the proposal it is written that credits from those departments “can be transferred and applied towards a graduate degree in a variety of disciplines” – this statement needs to be explained. The transfer of credits in particular needs to be explained.
- The other piece that was missing from the proposal is the letter from the library outlining the existing resources or the budget needed for the program.

If the Council receives the information needed as described above, the council will vote on the certificate at the next meeting (March 29th).

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.

- The response from the department was added to E-Space. Julia Smith felt that all of her concerns were addressed and had no problems with accepting the program modification.
- Julia Smith moved to accept the program, Zissimos Mourelatos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

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

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

- There was no update on this program. Discussion was moved to the next meeting

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 discussion on this program will take place at the next meeting. However, there was an additional concern regarding the proposal:
 - What is the competency measurement for the applied learning content component (Exam, dissertation, etc.)? There looks to be a mismatch between the learning outcomes and this component.

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

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

GOOD AND WELFARE

Members really enjoyed the 3MT competition. Should it be at the Grad research conference next year?

Feedback on Conference:

- Good way to highlight grad programs
- There should be a template for the posters.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:55PM