

**Present:** Claudia Petrescu (Chair), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Julia Smith, Kris Thompson, Jennifer Vonk, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Margaret Glembocki, Ledong Li, Robert Noiva, Rajeev Singhal, Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor

**Absent:** Shaun Moore (*Ex Officio*), Zissimos Mourelatos

**Staff:** LaGina Edwards-Cook (Secretary)

Claudia Petrescu called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*After correcting the March 15 minutes Meir Shillor moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017, Graduate Council Meeting as revised. Ledong Li seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.*

### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Graduate Student research conference went well and the speaker was phenomenal. The feedback from the surveys collected are positive overall.

The deadline for the Dean's Choice Video competition is Thursday, March 30. The judging portion will be next week and the winner will be announced at the April 12 awards reception.

### REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE—Mohammad-Reza Siadat and Julia Smith

A proposal has been made to the University Research Committee to change its mission, respectively to be charged with only making awards to faculty and staff and not to students. The money allocated to students will be transferred to the Provost to be used for undergraduate and graduate students' research awards.

### NEW BUSINESS

**New Graduate Certificate in Lean Leadership Proposal**—assign reviewers:

Robert Novia and Meir Shillor were assigned as reviewers

Comments and questions should be given back to Claire by April 12

### OLD BUSINESS

**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

Robert Novia moved that the proposal be approved. Julia Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion: If students are allowed to apply while enrolled in another program, what happens? Will there be a mechanism to let them know that they are receiving the certificate? The issue is that a student cannot be enrolled in two programs at once. According to Claire (Rammel) dual enrollment are caught during the application process. There is communication between graduate admissions and the student. Overrides are also given. Certificate requirements can also be embedded in a program. It was decided that this issue was a logistics discussion that does not affect the merits of the certificate.

Vote: motion carried unanimously with no abstentions

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

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

Discussion: The responses received from the department were informative. There were a few minor issues with the original proposal that were answered by the feedback received from the department: changing of wording in the proposal to make it more clear, changing the program to be more general, the addition of internship exit option replacing the comprehensive exit option (advisor approved electives) and the GPA requirement of 3.5 for the thesis and creative project exit options. The reviewers were looking for more specific regarding the competency exam. However this issue not affect the merits of the certificate.

After the discussion, Ledong Li moved for approval of the modification. Kris Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

**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.

**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.

Dr. Chaturi Edrishina attended to present the proposed program and her answers to the Council's questions. PowerPoint presentation is posted on the Council's E-Space. The later added pages, received during the meeting, were placed on E-Space during the meeting. Page references in the PowerPoint presentation refers to the proposal submitted in February.

Additional information provided during the presentation: Budget must be approved by the Dean. Some courses will be moved to different faculty (special instructor, coordinators etc.) but the new courses will not have a large effect on the faculty course load. There are some courses listed as new because there is a new rubric. Many courses are already cross listed. If the cross listed courses do not have the same objectives and coursework, cannot be cross listed. There is some confusion on the cognitive aspect of the program. Is ASD the cognate? The program is a PhD in Education because it shares the core courses with Education. Some courses do not look shared because they all have different rubrics. Department core and fundamental core should be on the "completion and review components for existing majors" spreadsheet. Electives with Med school: The program would like to have their students take some electives out of the OUWB Medical School, but the classes are 4-week electives in the Medical School. Further, those courses will be required for the proposed program. Therefore this is not a viable option right now.

At the end of the presentation, the Council decided that there would be a mini committee created in order to assist Dr. Edrishina with rewriting the program proposal. The Council will not vote on the program until the updated information is received.

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

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

April 12 Celebration

The Provost, Deans, Outstanding Mentor nominees, video competition competitors, and Oakland University Credit Union representatives have been invited. Please plan to attend.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35PM