

Present: Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Meghan Harris, Zissimos Mourelatos, Robert Noiva (*Co-chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor, Claudia Petrescu (*Chair*), Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Rajeev Singhal, Kris Thompson, Jennifer Vonk

Absent: Ledong Li and Julia Smith

Staff: Tina Tucker (Secretary)

Guests: Katie Hege, presentation for the 3-Minute Thesis Competition
Dr. Thandi Sule, Associate Professor of Education in Educational Leadership

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meir Shillor moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Bob Noiva seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- The ceremony for the 2018 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award Recipient and Nominees is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 1:30PM, in Room #242 of Kresge Library (Nyberg Room).
- The 2019 Graduate Research Conference has been scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **3-Minute Thesis Competition**. Katie Hege presented her 3-minute thesis slide to the Graduate Council members. The Council members agreed to send Ms. Hege to the MAGS conference to represent Oakland University in the 3-Minute Thesis Competition. Council members recommended that a few minor changes be made to Ms. Hege's slide and that she should work with a mentor on her presentation prior to the competition.
- B. **Executive MBA – Modification**
Reviewers Assigned: Meghan Harris and Meir Shillor

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Graduate Certificate in Finance – New**
Reviewers: Robert Noiva and Kris Thompson
First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Questions/concerns raised by Graduate Council members:

- All boxes on delivery method have been checked
- The proposal suggests that no new resources are needed as existing space and courses will be used. It would have been helpful to get an idea of how many new students are expected to enroll in courses to complete this program.
- How would applicants missing identified preparatory work (Financial Accounting and Quantitative Methods) be handled? Will they be required to complete requirements before application or before enrollment? Would those credits be treated by OU as graduate or undergraduate credits? Could they be used to apply to a Masters?
- Is the program 15 or 18 credits total (15 required credits and 3 elective credits or the elective is only taken when FIN 5330 is waived)?
- Do students always need to start in the Fall? Are courses offered each semester? Will the courses be offered using different delivery formats at the same time? How would students know to plan their program of study?
- Should undergraduate required work include Financial Accounting and Quantitative Methods?
- Would exceptions to the 3.0 GPA requirement be made? How would the granting of an exception be handled?
- Are they indicating that some of the required courses would only be offered on the Macomb campus?

B. MEd in Higher Education Leadership - Modification

Reviewers: Mohammad-Reza Siadat and Jennifer Vonk as reviewers.

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

Dr. Sule addressed questions and concerns of the Graduate Council regarding the proposed modification of the MEd in Higher Education Leadership program. The committee recommended that the adjunct faculty look to e-Learning for needed training. ***Dr. Shillor made the motion to approve the proposed modification of the MEd in Higher Education Leadership program, contingent upon providing a Letter of Commitment from the Dean of the School of Education and Human Services with the program proposal. Dr. Mourelatos seconded the motion. The motion passed with six yes votes and two abstentions.***

C. MA in Communication 4+1 – New

Reviewers: Zissimos Mourelatos and Julia Smith as reviewers.

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

No longer having a quorum, the second reading of the MA in Communication 4+1 is postponed until the next scheduled meeting.

D. ON HOLD--Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies - New Reviewer: Ledong Li

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

No response from department regarding Graduate Council's request for corrected/revised proposals prior to the second reading.

E. ON HOLD--Post-Master Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies - New Reviewer: Ledong Li

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

No response from department regarding Graduate Council's request for a corrected/revised proposal prior to the second reading.

GOOD AND WELFARE

The Council had some discussion concerning stackable graduate certificates and policy. Dr. Petrescu stated that she would provide some information on stackable graduate certificates at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 PM