

Present: Brandy Randall (*Chair*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Seong Cho, Meghan Harris (*Co-Chair*), Lisa Hawley, Rebecca Leigh, Joanne Lipson Freed, Robert Noiva, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Meir Shillor, Kris Thompson

Not Present: Zissimos Mourelatos

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kris Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the October 21,, 2020 Graduate Council Meeting as written. Mohammad-Reza Siadat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Brandy reported on Graduate Winter 2021 enrollment.
- Discussion of S or U grading as an option for graduate students.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Modifications

- **Program modification for the DScPT to PhD program**
Seong Cho made the motion to approve the DScPT to PhD Program Modification. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
- **Program modification for Master of Training & Development SEHS**
Kris Thompson and Mohammad-Reza Siadat agreed to review this modification. Council discussed the request and have submitted additional questions for program clarification to the Department.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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- **Graduate Council Award Subcommittee Update**
Dr. Noiva provided an update on the findings of the Graduate Council Award Subcommittee. Committee will create a timeline and suggestions for processes for awards. Since many deadlines for awards have been missed, committee will do a dry run this year in in preparation for the 2021 academic year.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Graduate Student Research Conference Update**
Brandy attended the first meeting of the Graduate Student Research Conference Committee last week. The 2021 Conference will be virtual and be held on Friday, March 5, 2021. The Graduate School does have funding to provide for monetary awards and will work with Financial Aid to determine the mechanism for the potential award.
- **3 Minute Thesis and Graduate Student Showcase Competition Update**
Brandy and committee are currently working on what platform to use for this competition. The first competition will be virtual. In the future, it is the goal to be able to provide funding to students to attend regional competition where they would represent Oakland University.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Nothing at this time

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:32 p.m.