

Present: Brandy Randall (*Chair*), Joanne Lipson-Freed (*Co-Chair*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), , Meghan, Harris, Lisa Hawley, Daniel Llamocca, Qunfeng Liao, Victoria Lucia, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor, V. Thandi Sule, Kris Thompson, Nicole Boelk (guest)

Absent: Darrin Hanna

Staff: Lindsey Schaefer (*Secretary*)

The meeting was hybrid

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Brandy Randall gave an update on the issues with the MD/MPH proposal that were discussed at the previous meeting. Since the previous meeting, the potential issues with accreditation were looked into and both accrediting bodies for the MD and MPH programs have no issues. There are potential issues from a financial aid standpoint. She is interested in what the MSU program does in terms of how their program is classified. Brandy Randall discussed the mentor awards for faculty and stated that the call for nominations has gone out. Chair Randall asked for volunteers for the Graduate Council subcommittee that would handle the nominations and bring the narrowed down pool of nominees forward to Graduate Council on February 1, 2023 for a vote. The volunteers for the subcommittee were Meghan Harris, Lisa Hawley, and Victoria Lucia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meir Shillor introduced a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2023. Joanne Lipson-Freed seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Credit for Prior Learning Policy;** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting.

Chair Randall stated that language was kept to state that there would be an evaluation charge for the possibility of, not the promise of, receiving credit. Charges are a university decision. Discussion took place regarding the impact this policy could have with other pre-existing policies such as the transfer policy.

2. **Definition of a Dual Degree Graduate Program;** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting.

Brandy Randall gave an overview of two definitions, one for when the second degree is being pursued at Oakland University, and one for when it is at a different institution. Discussion took place, with Nicole Boelk, Director of Financial Aid, stating how this definition could impact the aid students receive. Council members suggested that a limit be added to the policy that would state how much coursework could be double counted. Brandy Randall stated that a proposal form can be created for departments to submit that are interested in offering a dual degree graduate program, and that these proposals would go through the governance process. Chair Randall gave an overview of the definition as it applies to students pursuing a degree with a different institution.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Policy**

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by giving an overview of the revisions made since the last discussion. Council members shared their concerns with the policy stating a 3.5 gpa is required for people who apply before junior year, and discussed the impact it could have on various programs. Extensive discussion also took place about when students could apply for these programs and if high school students should be permitted to apply. Extensive debate took place about how high school students would be evaluated for admission. Brandy Randall stated that she will make revisions based on this discussion and will bring this policy back for a first reading.

GOOD AND WELFARE

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:37pm