

Present: Brandy Randall, (Chair), Joanne Lipson-Freed (Co-Chair), Claire Rammel (Ex Officio), Seong Yeon Cho, Darrin Hanna, Anne Hranchook, John Krauss, Helen Levenson, Daniel Llamocca Obregon, Thandi Sulé Meir Shillor, Paul Weinberg

Absent: Nicole Boelk, Victoria Lucia

Staff: Linda Hutcheson (Secretary)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

We held the first meeting of the Graduate and Professional Student Advisory Council (GPSAC). The students that were chosen for (GPSAC) reflects the wide variety of our graduate student body. In their first meeting there were discussions on the hopes for the new Council to build a graduate student culture, and to work to alleviate graduate student's feelings of disconnectedness from other students in their program and from the university by working to make students more aware of university resources like the Writing Center. There was also enthusiastic discussion about forming a graduate student organization that can access funding through the Student Congress for things for graduate students. Dean Brandy Randall emphasized that their studies come first and that they should get other students involved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anne Hranchook pointed out the need to change 'PhDs' to 'Practice Doctorates' in the February 19th, 2024, meeting minutes.

Anne Hranchook introduced a motion to approve the amended minutes for the February 19, 2024, meeting. John Krauss seconded. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. **Master of Business Administration and Online Master of Business Administration, Program Modification: third reading, debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting:** second reading, debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.
Reviewers: Darrin Hanna
Presenter(s): Rajeev Singhal, Paul Trumbull

Joanne Lipson-Freed introduced a motion to approve. John Krauss seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Discussion of minimum number of Post-Master's Doctoral Program credits**

Not discussed. Moved to next Graduate Council meeting agenda.

3. **Non-tenure Track Faculty Mentor Award**

The Council agreed they preferred using the term 'faculty not eligible for tenure' and that with that edit They will not need to see this proposal again. Thandi Sulé agreed to make that edit, to make sure that other portions match what is on the website, and to email the revised proposal to the Graduate Council email address.

NEW BUSINESS

1. O'Dowd Award Winner Selection

Justin Tamplin was unanimously approved as the recipient.

2. Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Rename; Program Modification : first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Reviewers: Claire Rammel

Presenter(s): Kuniko Nielsen

Discussion pointed out several concerns. The following list of questions and comments was made to be forwarded to Kuniko Nielsen.

1 There is an existing Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages (TESOL). This appears identical to that except that the ALS 5960 Practicum is being added. You can't have two certificate programs with the same name. Is what you are trying to do merge the 2 programs? If so, you would just need to modify the existing TESOL to add the practicum and make any other updates (e.g. if admission requirements are changing), and then eliminate the TESL certificate.

2 Where will ALS 5960 be conducted for the adult learner pathway?

3 How will the coursework meet the needs of people that will be teaching adult learners and those of people that will be teaching young children in the same course? Is this normative at other universities?

4 Masters of Linguistics will need to be modified through governance to include this as a specialization.

3. Subcommittee to do a study that would result in recommendations for how different proposed New Certificate and New Degree programs need to be from existing certificates and degree programs to justify their addition, and peer institutions policies on the maximum number of slash courses allowed to apply towards a graduate degree program.

Darrin Hanna and Seong Yeon Cho volunteered for this subcommittee. They will discuss it further in the end of April.

GOOD AND WELFARE

The Graduate Student Research Conference will be on April 5, 2024.

The Deans provided funding to allow the university to regain access to the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) which has been a highly valued source of data for many research students. The Provost's Office is looking at continuing access if the Deans continue to assist with funding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.