

Present: Brandy Randall (*Chair*), Meghan Harris (*Co-Chair*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Darrin Hanna, Lisa Hawley, Joanne Lipson Freed, Robert Noiva, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor, V. Thandi Sulé, Kris Thompson

Not Present: Seong Cho, Daniel Llamocca

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was held remotely

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. Master of Physician Assistant Science Proposal

The proposal for this new degree was approved by the Board of Trustees at their December 13, 2021 meeting.

B. Three Minute Thesis & Graduate Student Showcase

As of December 14, 2021 approximately 18 students have submitted material. Brandy will be reaching out these students, as some students seem to misunderstand elements of the competition and are planning posters. Graduate School will be extending the deadline to submit until Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Committee members were asked to encourage students to participate.

C. Impact for Winter Enrollment

Graduate Staff members Todd Steele, Holly Toggweiler, Steve Meyer and Nick Jakubiak have identified more targeted student and applicant groups to communicate with and created a tool in ARGOS that will allow the Graduate School to run campaigns to reach students. It will help us understand which campaigns work best in getting students to enroll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for the November 17, 2021 Graduate Council

Kris Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021 Graduate Council Meeting. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Health Equity Graduate Certificate

Claire Rammel reviewed the proposed modification. This is a Masters of Public Health Certificate in the Department of Public and Environmental Wellness. After discussion, the Council requested clarification on wording. Ms. Rammel will submit request to the department.

B. New Health and Population Research Graduate Certificate

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DISCUSSION ITEM

A. V. Thandi Sulé – IGE Grant

The Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) program is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative approaches to STEM graduate education training. The program seeks proposals that explore ways for graduate students in research-based master's and doctoral degree programs to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers.

IGE focuses on projects aimed at piloting, testing, and validating innovative and potentially transformative approaches to graduate education. IGE projects are intended to generate the knowledge required for their customization,

implementation, and broader adoption. The program supports testing of novel models or activities with high potential to enrich and extend the knowledge base of effective graduate education approaches.

The program addresses both workforce development, emphasizing broad participation, and institutional capacity building needs in graduate education. Strategic collaborations with the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government agencies, national laboratories, field stations, teaching and learning centers, informational science centers, and academic partners are encouraged.

Dr. Sulé informed that Council that while this is a recent announcement at OU, they are in their second year of funding. They have been collaborating with EMU and MSU. The focus of their grant is retention issues in STEM for underrepresented students. Goal is to create a collective training inclusive mentoring. The Graduate Council thought it was a worthwhile project and Brandy suggested reaching out to OU WISER (Women in Science, Engineering and Research) to include them in the discussion.

B. 2022 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award

The subcommittee of Meghan Harris, Kris Thompson and V. Thandi Sulé presented the nominees to the Council. After discussion and voting the 2022 Outstanding Mentor will be awarded to Osamah Rawashdeh.

GOOD AND WELFARE

- A.** The December 2021 Senate Meeting has been cancelled. Any proposal from the Graduate Council will be on January 2022 agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.