

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

Absent: V. Thandi Sule

Staff: Lindsey Schaefer (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Brandy Randall reminded Council members that the OU Day of Giving is tomorrow, February 1st and stated the Graduate Advisory Board will match contributions given to the Graduate Student Finish Line Scholarship. Chair Randall gave an introduction to the new Don & Jan O'Dowd Award for graduate students. This award will be the top award given to graduate students at Oakland University. Brandy Randall stated that this award is for recognizing contributions made to the university and not a research award. It was stated that OUWB students are eligible for the award as well. The deadline for submissions and applications is February 10, 2023. The award recipient will be chosen by the Graduate Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meghan Harris introduced a motion to approve the January 18, 2023 minutes. Kris Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Definition of a Dual Graduate Program; Second Reading: Debatable, amenable, and eligible for a final vote at this meeting.

Brandy Randall and Nicole Boelk opened the discussion by outlining providing additional clarifications explained language added to require working with the Graduate School and Financial Aid during proposal development. Extensive discussion and debate took place with council members requesting minor corrections and further clarifying language to be added.

Joanne Lipson-Freed introduced a motion to approve the dual degree policy as amended during the meeting. Victoria Lucia seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health (MD/MPH), New Dual Degree Program; Second Reading: Debatable, amenable, and eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Kris Thompson and Darrin Hanna
Presenter: Victoria Lucia

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by asking council members if there were any questions or concerns about the proposal in light of the recent approval of the dual degree policy. Members discussed the oversight of the administrative aspect of this proposed program and the timing of when students would take courses for one degree versus the other degree.

Kris Thompson introduced a motion to approve the proposal. Darrin Hanna seconded the motion. Victoria Lucia abstained from the vote. The motion was approved unanimously by those who voted.

3. Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Policy, Policy Revision; Second Reading: Debatable, amenable, and eligible for a final vote at this meeting.

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by giving an overview of the changes made since the last discussion. Extensive debate and discussion took place, with members sharing their questions and concerns. Chair Randall decided to table the policy for additional revision and future discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award; Subcommittee Members: Meghan Harris, Lisa Hawley, and Victoria Lucia

The subcommittee members shared the process they used in determining the finalists and how this process can be used in future years. The winner was chosen by confidential vote.

2. Graduate Certificate in Play Therapy, New Certificate; First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meghan Harris and Daniel Llamocca **Presenter:** Rebecca Vannest

Lisa Hawley gave a general overview and history of the proposal. Meghan Harris and Daniel Llamocca shared their reviews of the proposal and the questions they had. Brandy Randall stated that given the lack of remaining meeting time to carefully discuss the proposal that it would be brought back for a first reading at the next meeting so the faculty member can attend to answer questions.

GOOD AND WELFARE

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:31pm