

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

Absent: Daniel Llamocca

Staff: Lindsey Schaefer (*Secretary*)

The meeting was hybrid

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Brandy Randall had members introduce themselves as there have been membership changes this semester. Meghan Harris has returned to Graduate Council following a sabbatical. QunFeng Liao will be filling in for Seong Cho who is now on sabbatical. Chair Randall mentioned that she will be attending a meeting next week about Socially Just Design in Graduate Education and that one of the topics of the conference will be how to set national metrics for graduate education. Chair Randall discussed that a revision to the policy on timelines for degree completion is pending per the outcome of the meeting and the potential for national metrics being created. Dean Randall noted that issues have arisen with the Graduate Assistantship contract, most notably that there is no due process mechanism for removal of the assistantship, and that the contract does not build in time off for GAs between Fall and Winter semesters. The Commencement Participation policy was voted on by Senate and approved on December 15.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Victoria Lucia introduced a motion to approve the minutes from December 7, 2022. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- 1.1. 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

Claire Rammel opened the discussion on the proposal and stated that she is waiting on a response after contacting other institutions who currently offer the program to see how they define what a dual-degree is. Council members discussed the need for a definition and an official policy as the Graduate School does not currently have a policy for it. Extensive discussion took place and council members agreed that the proposal cannot move forward until definitions and a policy are put in place. Nicole Boelk, Director of Financial Aid, answered questions about the financial aid implications and stated that she would contact another institution who offers the program to see how they administer aid. Brandy Randall also brought up for discussion the need to look at what effect this program would have on accreditation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Credit for Prior Learning Policy

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by stating that she revised the policy since receiving feedback during the previous discussion. One of those revisions included removing the portion that detailed military transfer credits as Dean Randall stated it would be better suited to revise the transfer policy to include military credits at the graduate level. Extensive discussion took place amongst members regarding what the evaluation process programs would follow in assessing a student's experience and skill to award credit. Brandy Randall also mentioned how this policy could intersect with the Badging policy that is currently being developed. Brandy Randall stated that this policy would be further reviewed after this discussion and brought back for a first reading.

2. Badging Framework & Policy

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by giving a general overview of what badging and micro credentials are and the initial framework that has been created in consultation with the OU Advance subcommittee. Brandy Randall stated that from a policy standpoint the academic credit portion of the policy will need to go through university governance, but the non-credit does not. Chair Randall stated that Academic Affairs will have oversight of badging. She outlined the levels of badges and the categories. Council members had an extensive discussion and debate. Chair Randall stated that this will be brought back for more discussion at a later date.

3. Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Policy

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by outlining revisions to the policy that included adding language that would allow for a combined bachelors graduate certificate. Extensive discussion took place regarding the amount of credits that would be allowed at the undergraduate level and what type of graduate credits could not be taken as an undergraduate. Chair Randall stated that this would be brought back for discussion at the next meeting.

GOOD AND WELFARE

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:37pm