

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

**Not Present:** Seong Cho, Darrin Hanna

**Staff:** Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

#### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- A. Budget Update:** At this time, the Graduate School will not have to reduce the number of Graduate Assistant packages. We still have not heard whether other units will be cutting graduate assistantships.
- B. Mentoring 4 Life Program:** Dr. V. Thandi Sulé arranged a meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 between Brandy Randall and Dr. Sulé's collaborators from EMU and the evaluator from MSU to discuss their grant funded project, the Mentoring 4 Life Program. The discussion focused on bringing the mentoring program to OU next year. We are excited that we will be able to do that. Dr. Randall will be meeting with the external Graduate Advisory Board the evening of April 13, 2022, she will be asking them to assist in identifying mentors for graduate students from the off campus community. We will continue to work on this throughout the summer months.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the March 30, 2022 Graduate Council**

*Kris Thompson moved to approve the minutes of March 30, 2022 Graduate Council Meeting. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. Refugee Policy**

The Council reviewed and discussed the requested revision to the Refugee Policy. An additional revision was made to allow programs to waive program specific requirements.

*Kris Thompson moved to approve the Refugee Policy. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

- B. In-Person Defense**

The Council reviewed and deliberated the In-Person Defense policy.

*Meghan Harris moved to approve the In-Person Defense Policy. Joanne Lipson-Freed seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously*

- C. Preliminary Exam: Students Coming with Faculty**

Council reviewed and discussed the recommended revisions to the Preliminary Exam: Students Coming with Faculty policy.

*Meghan Harris moved to approve the Preliminary Exam: Students Coming with Faculty Policy. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously*

- D. MS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences**

The department addressed all the major concerns the Council had regarding the MS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences new program. The Council deliberated at length. The Council was pleased at the prospect of adding this new program to our OU offerings, and suggested that a certificate utilizing the professional development courses would be attractive to some prospective students.

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*Robert Noiva moved to approve the MS in Clinical and Diagnostic Science Proposal. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Petition for Exception for Commencement Participation**

This was removed from the agenda as the Provost's Office was able to address the issue with the student.

### **B. Outstanding Mentor Process**

Dr. Kris Thompson, Dr. Meghan Harris and Dr. V. Thandi Sulé comprised the 2022 Outstanding Mentor Graduate Council Sub-Committee. While working on this committee they identified some issues with the process. The Council reviewed the current criteria and the sub-committee agreed to work on revisions to the criteria and process over the summer. They will present to the Council by early October 2022.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

### **A. Organizational Leadership Instructional Delivery Modification**

Claire Rammel reviewed this modification. The Organizational Leadership program is requesting adding a Hi-Flex option for instructional delivery. Hi-Flex means that in-person and remote learning are offered at the same time by livestreaming the in person course. The Department only submitted the first page of the modification form, that of the signatory page. The Council will reach out to the department to obtain the entire completed delivery modification form.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

N/A

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:09 p.m.