Oakland University
GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Location: In-person and Online
Meeting Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Monday, January 27, 2025

Present:
Brandy Randall, (*Chair)*, Henry Aigbedo, Kevin Grimm, Darrin Hanna, Anne Hranchook, John Krauss*(Co-Chair),* Helen Levenson, Victoria Lucia, Daniel Llamocca Obregon, Thandi Sulé, Meir Shillor, Paul Weinberg, Neil Baumgartner, Nicole Boelk

Absent: Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*),

Staff: Linda Hutcheson (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Oakland University's 2025 Engineering & Computer Science Day
  - Held on Saturday, January 25th. It was the second year for this well received event.
  - The panel of current students including our students sharing that they love OU because of how much the faculty care about the students, that faculty answer their emails, and that they can work with faculty directly.
  - Graduate School Recruiter Todd Steele reported that an applicant said that the event clinched their decision to apply.
  - Other OU Schools have worked with the Graduate School to schedule similar school-specific events. Those that occurred this past fall semester also went well, and two other school's events are scheduled for Winter 2025.
  - The College of Arts and Science does not participate in one of these events and the GS is looking for suggestions on how to work on encouraging enrollment for the College in a manner similar to that done at these events for the Schools. There is no parallel academic visit day for undergraduate recruitment to CAS.
- Graduate School Staffing
  - The GS is continuing the hiring process for another CT8 employee.
- Incoming Provost
  - Amy Thompson will begin her term as Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost in May but is already engaged with campus, talking with people and scheduling meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin Grimm introduced a motion to approve the minutes for the January 13, 2025, meeting. Victoria Lucia seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. **Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy, GC_Graduate Program Modification: second reading, debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.**
   Reviewers: Victoria Lucia, Paul Weinberg
   Presenter(s): John Krauss

   Victoria Lucia moved to approve the Othopedic Manual Physical Therapy, GC_Graudate Program Modification proposal. Kevin Grimm seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Physical Therapy, DPT_Graduate Program Modification: second reading, debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.**
   Reviewers: Victoria Lucia, Paul Weinberg
   Presenter(s): Sara Arena

   Victoria Lucia moved to approve the Physical Therapy, DPT_Graduate Program Modification proposal. Kevin Grimm seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Education: Counseling, PhD_Graduate Program Modification: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.**
   Reviewers: Thandi Sulé, Daniel Llamocca
   Presenter(s): Jennifer Matthews, Michael Chaney

   - The Council asked the presenters to do the following and revise their proposal to reflect these changes
     - For current students: Keep CNS 8950 and CNS 8960 as they are so they are available for current students to take as they finish their program.
     - For new students: Use Course Action Forms to request the creation of two new courses, Doctoral Internship I, and Doctoral Internship II, with course numbers different than those of any current courses, and with content that incorporates 2024 CACREP standards. Revise the curriculum modification proposal reviewed by Graduate Council to reflect these changes.
     - Submit form requesting catalog modification.

John Krauss moved to approve the Education: Counseling, PhD_Graduate Program Modification pending discussed revisions. Kevin Grimm seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Preferred name instead of official name on Theses and Dissertations**

   - Brandy Randall discussed whether changing current Graduate School procedures to allow students to use their preferred name, rather than their legal name on their theses and dissertations (e.g., Bob rather than Robert), and as is allowed at other institutions, was a change that should be administrative or made through governance. Members felt it was an administrative change.
   - Brandy will follow up with Legal further and will confer with Graduate School Assistant Dean Claire Rammel about a way to have the student's preferred name be permanently recorded in BANNER.

2. **Overage courses and time extensions**

   - Members discussed updates about credit life length they would like to see in this policy which is seen as cumbersome and challenging.
   - Brandy Randall will write a revised policy for the Council to look at that may include the following items discussed
     - The same requirements for masters and doctoral level students

  - No fees unless the program coordinator needs to have the student do something to make their knowledge current (e.g., as is current practice)
  - Discussion of the requirement to reach candidacy by 6 years
  - Clear notice to students that they may request exceptions to the policy
  - Development and inclusion of a very short form requesting exceptions of overage courses for students to submit to their academic department's Program Coordinator/Director who would approve or not approve the request
  - The Graduate School accepting and recording the Program Coordinator/Director's decisions of such requests

3. **Previous graduate degree or certificate credit**

- Members discussed and were supportive of removing 'or certificate' and 'or graduate certificate' from this policy.
- Brandy Randall will rewrite the policy, possibly with additional editing, and bring it back for Council review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.