

Present: Brandy Randall, (*Chair*), Joanne Lipson-Freed (*Co-Chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Seong Yeon Cho, Darrin Hanna, Anne Hranchook, Victoria Lucia, Daniel Llamocca Obregon, Meir Shillor, Paul Weinberg

Absent: Nicole Boelk, John Krauss, Helen Levenson, Thandi Sulé

Staff: Linda Hutcheson (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Based on feedback from The Graduate and Professional Student Advisory Council (GPSAC) members we are considering an event towards the end of the semester for all graduate students. We will be looking at date and time options and availability in the Oakland Center. Additionally, GPSAC members are organizing and reaching out to graduate students about doing community service and have been getting responses from students that are interested in participating.
- One of our Team APs recently took a position in Financial Aid. The vacant Graduate School position has been posted and we'll be moving forward with hiring.
- We did fairly well on the Black & Gold Giving Day raising funds for the Graduate Student Finish Line scholarship including donations from people who had never donated to the Graduate School before. Over the summer we plan to transition to our own application form for this scholarship, with three deadlines a year assuming we have funding available to disperse, so that we can really help the students when they need it.
- Dean Brandy Randall has reached out to Kelly Brault, Senior Director of Annual Giving and Special Audiences, about putting emphasis in the next campaign on the need to increase our graduate assistantship funding available to a sizable central pool for assistantships that Brandy can allocate to where it will have the most impact on research productivity at the time it is most needed and also to serve as bridge support for faculty when there is a lapse in grant funding for students supported on grants. Many universities have a fund like this and it would be really good for Oakland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brandy Randall discussed with Seong Yeon Cho and Darrin Hanna when they intended to begin their discussions on the subcommittee that they volunteered for during the March 4, 2024, Graduate Council meeting. Following discussion it was noted that the time period recorded needed to be changed to 'the end of April'.

Joanne Lipson-Freed introduced a motion to approve the amended minutes for the March 4, 2024, meeting. Meir Shillor seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- 1. MS in Smart Manufacturing, New Degree Program: second reading, debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.**

Reviewers: Anne Hranchook, Meir Shillor

Presenter(s): Vijitashwa Pandey

Brandy Randall will reach out to Shaun Moore about eLis and inquire if this program may be eligible for in-state tuition.

Anne Hranchook introduced a motion to approve. Meir Shillor seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2. Discussion of minimum number of Post-Master's Doctoral Program credits**

No discussion at this meeting. Moving to the April 1, 2024, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Meir Shillor shared that he attended the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters (MASAL) Conference held at Lawrence Technological University on March 8, 2024, and that two Oakland University mathematics department students presenting there did well. Meir recommended and Brandy agreed that we should advertise this conference to our graduate students and encourage their participation in next year's event. Linda will reach out to the academy to request being put on their mailing list.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.