

Present: Brandy Randall (*Chair*), Seong Cho, Darrin Hanna, Meghan Harris (*Co-Chair*), Joanne Lipson Freed, Robert Noiva, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor, V. Thandi Sule, Kris Thompson

Not Present: Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Lisa Hawley, Daniel Llamocca

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Service Learning Graduate Courses on the Academic Transcript

Dr. Diane Baldwin, Campus-Community Engagement Coordinator addressed the Committee to discuss service learning at the graduate level. Service learning is a course-based, credit bearing educational experience in which students participate in an organized service activity that meets a community need. They then reflect upon their service activity as a means of gaining a deeper understanding of course content, a broader appreciation of the discipline, and enhanced sense of civic responsibility, and/or a greater interest in and understanding of community life. Service learning is a method by which Oakland University campus can connect with the community. Marking service learning courses on the academic transcript is being piloted at the undergraduate level. We will also begin piloting this for graduate level courses. Like all pedagogical decisions, faculty decide whether they want to utilize service learning.

After discussion and careful deliberation, the Graduate Council supports Service Learning at the Graduate level. This informational item will be forwarded to Senate.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. Physician Assistant Program Proposal

The Physician Assistant program proposal has been through the Senate Budget and Assessment subcommittees. It is currently in the Senate Planning subcommittee. It will then be presented to the Senate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for the March 04, 2020 Graduate Council

These minutes were from the last Graduate Council meeting prior to the campus shifting to remote operations at the beginning of the pandemic. It was recently discovered that they had never been presented to Graduate Council.

Seong Cho moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2020 Graduate Council Meeting. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the Minutes for the September 29, 2021 Graduate Council

Darrin Hanna moved to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2021 Graduate Council Meeting. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Revised Transfer Policy

Dr. Randall made the suggested changes to the policy discussed at the September 29, 2021 Graduate Council Meeting. Kristin Landis-Piwowar, Interim Associate Provost for Quality Assurance and Accreditation responded that the policy appears to meet HLC standards.

After extensive discussion, Council recommended some additional changes to wording to provide more clarification. The policy will be brought to the next meeting for review and possible vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Graduate Council Review Process

Council discussed the process of reviewing program proposals and/or modifications to programs that are received for review. It was proposed that Claire Rammel and Dr. Brandy Randall would conduct a preliminary review. If the proposal were straightforward (e.g. a modification to an existing program) one reviewer would be assigned. New program proposals will be handled on a case-to-case basis. In addition, new proposals would need to be submitted two weeks prior to a Graduate Council meeting to allow for a thorough review by Council members.

GOOD AND WELFARE

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:58 p.m.