

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

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was held remotely

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. How to Vote via Zoom

Brandy encouraged the Council to use the Chat feature of Zoom when voting on proposals. This will make the documentation of voting more consistent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for the October 20, 2021 Graduate Council

Meghan Harris moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021 Graduate Council Meeting. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. MS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences (Second Reading)

Robert Noiva and Meghan Harris reviewed the proposal. The current version includes credit for prior experience (i.e., passing a licensure exam). After the first reading, HLC guidelines were reviewed and additional guidance was sought. Currently there is not a policy to permit credit for prior learning at the graduate level, and HLC specifies that institutions must have such a policy in order to grant such credit. The MS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences is being delayed pending policy or proposal revision.

B. Revised Modification Masters of Science in Safety Management (First Reading)

Meir Shillor and Robert Noiva reviewed the proposed modification. Modification is requesting to change the major code from MS in Safety Management to MS in Safety and Health. Create two concentrations under the MS in Safety and Health, Business and Technical. After careful and diligent deliberation, the Council has additional questions and concerns for the department. The questions will be submitted and a representative of the department will be asked to address the Council at the November 17, 2021 Graduate Council meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Three Year International Bachelor's

Graduate Council invited Dave Archbold, Director of International Students, International Students and Scholars, along with Danielle Booker, International Student Admission, Graduate School to attend the meeting to discuss the Bologna Process and international transcript evaluations. The Bologna process formed a unified European system of higher education based on the commonality of the principles of operation. The Bologna Process started in June 1999 where 29 European countries came to promote the standard three-year educational program in Europe worldwide. In other words, the European nations want to transition to having three-year undergraduate degrees as the standard compared to the four-year degree. Many countries have a 3 year standard for the bachelors. The U.S. four year bachelor's degree is typically 1800 contact hours while the minimum is 2700 contact hours for India's three-year degree. Many U.S. universities do accept students with a three-year degree from India and from Bologna Process schools as an equivalent to the U.S. bachelor's degree. Council discussed the possibility of doing in-house credentialing or the use of an outside company whereby the transcript evaluation would only be done for Oakland University. Council agreed that Brandy Randall should draft a policy to review and accept three year international bachelor's degrees. This will be discussed at future meetings.

GOOD AND WELFARE

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:27 p.m.