

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

Not Present: Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*)

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was held remotely

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. MATSE with Special Education Proposal Update

The MATSE with Special Education proposal has made it to the Board of Trustees consent agenda. Information will be provided as it becomes available.

B. End of Fall Semester 2021

Graduate School is working on a new process for degree audits. This process will alert students if there is an issue with them graduating sooner than the current process does. To be flagged for review, they must submit the application for graduation. The application for Winter semester is currently available.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for the October 6, 2021 Graduate Council

Kris Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2021 Graduate Council Meeting. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Revised Transfer Policy

After careful deliberation and with mirror corrections in punctuation.

Meir Shillor moved to approve the Transfer Policy. Darrin Hanna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Revised Modification Masters of Science in Safety Management

The original proposal was reviewed by Drs. Meir Shillor and Zissimos Mourelatos and passed at the April 14, 2021 Graduate Council meeting. The department now has submitted a modification to the Master of Science and Safety Management. They would like to change the name of the program to the Master of Science and Safety and Health and create two tracks within the program. One would be the management track, which is their current track. The other would be a technical track. Dr. Robert Noiva graciously agreed to act as the parliamentarian for this action.

After careful discussion and deliberation, the Council deemed this request to be a program change and should follow the necessary review and approval steps. Robert Noiva and Meir Shillor agreed to review the modification to the Masters of Science in Safety Management. The modification will be place on the agenda for the November 3, 2021 Graduate Council meeting.

The program action that was passed in April 14, 2021 is officially withdrawn by the program and will not be submitted to Senate.

NEW BUSINESS

A. MS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences

Robert Noiva and Meghan Harris reviewed the proposal. The reviewers had submitted questions regarding the program. Dr. Dale Telgenhoff responded. However, after a lengthy discussion the Council has additional concerns and questions. The Council will reach out to Dr. Telgenhoff for additional clarification.

DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Three Year International Bachelor's

Oakland University's goal is to increase the number of international students. Current requirements specify that students must the equivalent of a US four year bachelor's degree. Three year bachelors degrees are common in a number of countries, and many universities will accept students with these degrees for graduate study. Oakland requires a formal external evaluation of international transcripts (e.g., WES). Often this leads to students coming from a school with a three year bachelor's degree to be denied admission. However, if they completed their master's in their home country that would be equivalent to a US master's degree. At some institutions, the programs determine if students with 3 year undergraduate degrees are adequately prepared for graduate study. Graduate Council discussed this at length and will invite David Archbold, Director of International Students and Scholars and Danielle Booker, International Admissions Processor in the Graduate School to the November 3, 2021 Graduate Council meeting to discuss three year bachelors degrees and international student admission requirements.

GOOD AND WELFARE

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.