

Present: Brandy Randall (*Chair*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Seong Cho, Meghan Harris (*Co-Chair*), Lisa Hawley, Rebecca Leigh, Joanne Lipson Freed, Zissimos Mourelatos, Robert Noiva, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Kris Thompson

Not Present: Meir Shillor

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Seong Cho moved to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2020 Graduate Council Meeting as written.

Mohammad-Reza Siadat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GRADUATE COUNCIL ORIENTATION/REFRESHER

- Megan Harris provided a background and refresher on the Graduate Council. The Council is a permanent standing committee of Oakland University Senate. It was established to make recommendations to the Senate, Graduate Council advises on proposed and existing graduate programs, including recommendations for program suspension and discontinuation. Other duties include; Seeking the advice (when necessary) of other appropriate University bodies concerning the impact of new programs or changes in existing programs. Rendering advice to the Dean of Graduate School on all matters concerning graduate program administration, and support and ongoing graduate study activities as the Dean of the Graduate School may request. Conducting periodic reviews of graduate programs with reports of findings submitted to the University Senate and other appropriate bodies. Appointing subcommittees as necessary to assist in recommendations. The subcommittees shall report their recommendations to the Graduate Council in carrying out its responsibilities. Recommending to the president all candidates for graduate degrees.
- Meghan Harris demonstrated to the Graduate Council how to navigate the website at <https://www.oakland.edu/graduatecouncil/>

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Brandy discussed Graduate enrollment for Winter 2021 and strategies to encourage enrollment.
- Brandy will be hosting the first Coordinator meeting on December 3, 2020. These meetings will be held monthly beginning in 2021. Brandy invited Graduate Council members to participate in these meetings.
- Strategic Enrollment Management Committee has met. They are addressing goals, strategies and tactics.
- Brandy will be holding an open forum for graduate students. This will allow graduate students to have the questions and concerns addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Modifications

- **Program modification for the DScPT to PhD program**
Reviewers had some questions, such as is there a difference between the PhD dissertation research requirement and the research project and DScPT research report in the old degree program? Quality or depth of the research project? Dr. Thompson was present to address questions. After discussion, Council will submit additional questions to Dr. Thompson and readdress the modification at the next meeting.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Graduate Council Award Subcommittee**
The Award Subcommittee will remain a committee of the Graduate Council. Additional ad hoc committees will be developed to include outside experts to work with subcommittee members to choose applicants/awardees. An loan/scholarship award has been created. Brandy will work on providing additional information to the subcommittee.

- **Duolingo and IELTS Indicator**

Brandy submitted a proposed policy update to the English Language Proficiency Policy. Duolingo and IELTS Indicator will be added to the list of acceptable tests providing evidence of English language proficiency. The cutoff for Duolingo will be 105. Acceptance of the IELTS Indicator will be temporary, and will cease when there is a return to normal operations post-pandemic. Performance of students admitted with Duolingo will be reviewed in one year to evaluate whether this provides a good measure of students' ability to be successful at Oakland, as compared to the ELP exams that have historically been used.

Seong Cho made the motion to approve the English Language Proficiency Proposed Policy Update. Lisa Hawley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Discontinuation of Graduate Certificate in Neurologic Rehabilitation**
- **Discontinuation of Graduate Certificate in Pediatric Rehabilitation**

GOOD AND WELFARE

Nothing at this time

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.