

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

**Absent:** Nicole Boelk

**Staff:** Jessica Taylor (*Secretary*)

#### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

N/A

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meir Shillor introduced a motion to approve the minutes from October 30, 2023. Seong Yeon Cho seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

#### CONTINUING BUSINESS

N/A

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Master of Science in Data Science Engineering, New Degree Program:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting.

**Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and John Krauss

Brandy Randall introduced the new degree program, indicating that the Provost had asked the Deans to discuss how to move forward with developing offerings in areas where there would be a lot of interest across campus. She handed the discussion off to Meir Shillor, one of the Grad Council Reviewers, who shared concerns with the Grad Council member regarding a potentially competing program that another group on campus plans to develop. There was much debate from each of the Grad Council members in regards to the new degree program. John Krauss, another Grad Council Reviewer, shared his concerns with the program having a confusing number of options.

The faculty will be invited to present to the Grad Council, and answer Council members' questions. Brandy Randall suggested to defer asking the presenters to make the revisions for the next meeting. Instead, have the presenters come and present, have a conversation, then ask for the full set of revisions at once prior to moving it to a vote. So, this would mean acting on it in 3 separate meetings rather than 2 like the Grad Council's usual process.

2. **Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning for Rehabilitation Professionals, Rename and Program Modification:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting.

**Reviewers:** Anne Hranchook and Claire Rammel

**Presenter(s):** Kristine Thompson

Brandy Randall introduced the proposal and turned the discussion over to Anne Hranchook and Claire Rammel, the two Grad Council Reviewers on this particular proposal. The Grad Council members discussed the revisions that need to be made including using the New Course Action Form and creating a new course number for 8807; and modifying the admission requirements for 'limited standing' changing 16 credits to 6 credits.

**Meir Shillor introduced a motion to waive the second reading. Anne Hranchook seconded the motion. The motion to waive the second reading was unanimously approved.**

**Anne Hranchook introduced a motion to approve, pending revisions to the proposal, the renaming and program modifications to the Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning for Rehabilitation Professionals. Seong Yeon Cho seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

3. **Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award:** Appointment of Subcommittee Members (3)

Three Grad Council members, Victoria Lucia, Anne Hranchook, and Seong Yeon Cho volunteered to serve on the Outstanding Mentor Award subcommittee.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Joanne Lipson-Freed indicated that the O'Dowd Award subcommittee had suggested edits to the application process. Brandy Randall suggested that she, Joanne Lipson-Freed and Jess Taylor meet once to review the suggested edits.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:50 PM.