

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

Not Present: Lisa Hawley, Daniel Llamocca

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. Walking the Walk on Diversity

Brandy Randall provided the article “The Time is Now for Graduate Programs to Walk the Walk on Diversity”, an article written by Dr. Michael Cunningham, associate provost for graduate studies and research and professor of psychology and Africana Studies at Tulane University. This article is being shared with the Graduate Council, Program Coordinators and Deans. Council was asked to read the article so a meaningful discussion can be held in April. The article can be found at: https://www.diverseeducation.com/opinion/article/15286112/the-time-is-now-for-graduate-programs-to-walk-the-walk-on-diversity?utm_campaign=5741&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua

B. Graduate School Budget

At this time no additional information is available regarding the implementation of the proposed budget cuts. Brandy Randall will provide information to the Council as it becomes available. Council discussed their concerns with potential cuts to Graduate Assistantships. These assistantships are vital for graduate students at Oakland University

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for the March 9, 2022 Graduate Council

Kris Thompson moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022 Graduate Council Meeting with correction. Joanne Lipson-Freed seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ESL Policy

The modification to the ESL Policy is to allow international students who want to study in the US to take English as a second language (ESL) courses while also taking courses that will count as credit toward their graduate degree. These programs last about a year and allows students “limited standing” admission to the graduate degree program. The proposed modification to the current ESL policy would add academically qualified applicants requesting or holding F or J visas, with evidence of published English proficiency scores, be granted graduate admission with limited standing to successfully satisfy the ESL course sequence requirement within one year. However, programs do not have to admit students through this method.

Kris Thompson moved to approve the modification to the ESL Policy Joanne Lipson-Freed seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

B. School of Medicine Grading Policy Modification

David Thomas, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Preclinical Education, School of Medicine and Gutstavo Patino, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Neuroscience, Chair Curriculum Integration Subcommittee, School of Medicine attending the meeting to address the Council's questions. The Director of Records and Registration in the School of Medicine is asking either that the title be more descriptive or that a description be added to the key. The proposed modification requests to rename Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine grades “Pass” (PA) and “Pass with Remediation” (PR) to “Pass 1” (P1) and “Pass 2” (P2), respectively, for use in the Oakland University grading scale beginning with the Fall 2022 semester. This proposed change would not create any new grades; rather, it would be a matter of renaming the labels of the two existing grades. In 2016, Graduate Council and Senate approved the School of Medicine grades and transcript key. However, the descriptions have fallen off the key. Claire Rammel will reach out to Tricia Westergaard, Registrar for

clarification. Claire Rammel will share the 2016 policy with the School of Medicine and contact the Registrar for assistance with wording of the transcript key. This proposal is deferred until the Council has a conversation with the Registrar and has descriptions.

C. Post-Master's Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management

Claire Rammel provided a diagram outlining the course changes for this modification. The Council reviewed and discussed the diagram.

Joanne Lipson-Freed moved to approve the modification to Post-Master's Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

D. Ph.D. in Nursing: BSN to PhD Track Modification

The proposal is ADD NRS 6712 Curriculum Instruction in Nursing Education (3cr) and NRS 6722 Evaluation in Nursing Education (3cr) AND reduce NRS 9999 Dissertation from 24crs to 18crs. The total credits will remain at 80 credits.

Kris Thompson moved to approve the Ph.D. in Nursing: BSN to PhD Track Modification. Joanne Lipson-Freed seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GOOD AND WELFARE

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:12 p.m.