

Present: Brandy Randall (*Chair*), Joanne Lipson-Freed (*Co-Chair*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Darrin Hanna, Meghan Harris, Lisa Hawley, Daniel Llamocca, Qunfeng Liao, Victoria Lucia, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), V. Thandi Sule, Kris Thompson

Absent: Nicole Boelk (guest), Meir Shillor

Staff: Lindsey Schaefer (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Brandy Randall gave an update on the recent conference she attended and stated that the discussions were helpful for how graduate education can be more accessible and socially just. Chair Randall stated the importance of following established policy regarding graduate student dismissals. She informed members the Provost's office had reduced the amount of the Outstanding Mentor Award to \$1,000, and that we would only be able to do one award. The Council had indicated last year that they hoped we could add a second award with broader eligibility. A link will be sent soon with the list of nominee. The information regarding the winner will have to be sent to Stephanie Lee immediately after Graduate Council approves them at the next meeting on February 1st.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meghan Harris introduced a motion to approve the January 11, 2023 minutes. Victoria Lucia seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Credit for Prior Learning Policy; Second Reading: Debatable, amenable, and eligible for a final vote.

Brandy Randall opened the discussion and outlined the revisions made since the last discussion. Discussion and debate took place regarding the language used in the policy to ensure clarity and how this policy would affect the accredited programs. Chair Randall stated that once this policy is approved it will go to UCUI to use as a basis for their Credit for Prior Learning policy at the undergraduate level. Several members discussed minor corrections needing to be made before the policy is sent to Senate.

Joanne Lipson-Freed introduced a motion to approve as amended during the meeting. Darrin Hanna seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with corrections.

2. Definition of a Dual Degree Graduate Program; Second Reading: Debatable, amenable, and eligible for a final vote.

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by outlining the revisions made to the policy since the last discussion. Council members shared their concerns about the financial aid aspects of the policy and the impact it could have on programs. Extensive debate and discussion took place with council members agreeing to table this policy until Brandy Randall can seek clarity on the language from Nicole Boelk, Director of Financial Aid.

3. Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health (MD/MPH), New Dual Degree Program; Second Reading: Debatable, amenable, and eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Kris Thompson and Darrin Hanna
Presenters: Victoria Lucia and Caress Dean

In light of the discussion on the previous agenda item (Definition of a Dual Graduate Program) Graduate Council members agreed to table this proposal until the language is clarified on the previous agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Policy; First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting.

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by outlining the revisions made to the policy since the last discussion. Council members discussed those changes made and any further ones needed. Chair Randall stated that she will make the suggested changes to the policy and bring it back for a second reading.

GOOD AND WELFARE

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50pm