

Present: Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Manohor Das, Robert Noiva (*Co-chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor, Claudia Petrescu (*Chair*), Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Rajeev Singhal, Julia Smith, Kris Thompson, Jennifer Vonk

Absent: Meghan Harris, Ledong Li, Shaun Moore (*Ex Officio*)

Staff: Tina Tucker (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Julia Smith moved to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2017, Graduate Council Meeting as revised. Meir Shillor second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Revision: Add "(Name Change)" following the Master of Science in Information Technology Program Modification Proposal that is listed under Old Business.)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- 3-Minute Thesis Competition for 2018 has been posted online with dates. The call has been sent to the program coordinators and students to recruit potential participants.
- Credit Union has provided the money for the Dean's Choice Award for 2018. Similar to last year with the exception of this year will be focused on a graduate student researcher.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Nominees and materials for the 2018 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award has been posted in e-Space. There are sixteen nominees. Each council member should submit their top three nominees, in rank order, to Tina by Monday, January 29th. One recipient of the award will be voted on at the next Graduate Council Meeting.
- The first online petition has been posted.
- A demonstration of Handshake was presented at the Associate Deans' Meeting yesterday, as a way of hiring Graduate Assistants.
- The deadline for submissions for the Graduate Student Research Conference was yesterday. One hundred seventeen submissions have been received.

NEW BUSINESS

Post-Master Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Program Modification Reviewers: Jennifer Vonk and Meghan Harris

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Julia Smith moved to waive the second reading of the Post-Master Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Program Modification. Jennifer Vonk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Vonk made the motion to approve the Post-Master Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Program Modification as written. Kris Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy Program Modification

Assigned Reviewers: Kris Thompson and Jennifer Vonk

OLD BUSINESS

PhD in Music Education Program Modification Reviewers: Julia Smith and Jennifer Vonk

Second Reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Meir Shillor made the motion to approve the PhD in Music Education Program Modification as written. Kris Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ph.D. in Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders Reviewers: Meir Shillor and Jennifer Vonk

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

- Credits do not seem to add up and are inconsistent through proposal.
- Discussion regarding the three year cohort and admission.
- The question is dissertation, following the model of Early Childhood they are dividing it into course work; but, for the other PhD programs and applications, dissertation is dissertation.
- Some concern with the program looking at being supported by external funding and being able to sustain that.
- A couple of areas state “test defense” and should be “dissertation defense.”
- Proposal states that defense cannot be schedule until all members of the dissertation committee have read dissertation and agree. Suggestion is to change to all but one member.
- Publications seem to be far in between, and very few are from 2016/2017.
- Need more clarification on the research assistantship in relation to the applied seminar hours.
- Clarification needed about students teaching. Is it a part of their applied seminar or their graduate assistantship or an opportunity that might be available, if available?
- Any additional questions and/or concerns should be emailed to Dean Petrescu. She will send questions/concerns to Chaturi Edrisinha and invite her to the next Graduate Council meeting to address them.

New PhD in Nursing Program Reviewers: Meir Shillor and Julia Smith

Second Reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Kris Thompson made the motion to approve the new PhD in Nursing program contingent upon the removal of the table at the bottom of Page 12, moving it to an appendix as an example, and replace the table with a reduced or waived credits statement. Robert Noiva seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies Reviewers: Ledong Li and Wonjoo Yun

On Hold

Second Reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

No response from department regarding Graduate Council’s request for a corrected/revised proposals prior to the second reading.

New Post-Master Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies Reviewers: Ledong Li and Wonjoo Yun

On Hold

Second Reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

No response from department regarding Graduate Council’s request for a corrected/revised proposals prior to the second reading.

Master of Science in Information Technology Program Modification Proposal (Name Change)

Work on Hold

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 PM