

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

**Not Present:**

**Staff:** Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Mohammad-Reza Sidat moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 Graduate Council Meeting as written. Kris Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- **3 Minute Thesis (3MT) & Graduate Student Showcase (GSS):** Brandy is working with Xander Buckingham, Event Services, Support Services to create the Zoom site. Students will submit their videos in advance. There will be a preliminary round and a championship round. In addition, there will be a People's Choice Award for both the 3MT and GSS. The Graduate School hopes that a representative of the OU Credit Union will participate as the Dean's Choice Award will be used as the prize. The intent to participate in the 3MT and GSS was announced to students and is due at the end of the day on January 21, 2021.
- **Slate Update:** The Slate application system will be replacing the current Recruit system. OU's contract with Recruit will expire in July 2021. Slate is currently used by Universities around the Country, and allows for various levels of accessibility. Training for Coordinators and individuals that will use the system will be available.
- **Enrollment Update:** Overall enrollment, including new students is down for Winter 2021. We are optimistic that we can turn this around once the pandemic ends.
- **Oakland County Mega Cast:** Brandy participated in an interview last week. The interview went well.
- **Board of Trustees Orientation for New Members:** The Graduate School participated in the orientation of new Board of Trustees members. The purpose was to provide information on the purpose and function of the School.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**A. New Certificate – Graduate Fin Tech Certificate Program**

Material for second reading not submitted in time to allow the Council to review. Postponed until February 3, 2021.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award:** Due to the MLK holiday on Monday, January 18, 2021 nominations were not submitted to the subcommittee until Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Academic Affairs has approved an extension until February. The subcommittee will review the nominations and present their recommendations at the February 3, 2021 Graduate Council Meeting.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Modification Instructional Delivery Method – Masters in Education, Early Childhood Education

#### GOOD AND WELFARE

- Invitation to Provost: The Council would like to invite Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost to a future Council meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:29 p.m.