

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

**Not Present:**

**Staff:** Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Zissimos Mourelatos moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 Graduate Council Meeting as written. Mohammad-Reza Siadat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- **Graduate Student Research Conference:** The Conference will be moved to May 2021 to avoid deadlines for dissertation and thesis submissions.
- **Dean's Office Hours:** Dean of the Graduate School has set up weekly virtual office hours. They will continue in the Winter 2021 semester. It has become clear that many students are feeling disconnected from other graduate students and the OU community. Graduate School is looking for solutions. Brandy Randall asked the Council for any suggestions for topics for virtual meetings for Graduate students. Council members suggested some of the following:
  - Financial aid, plagiarism, building a teaching portfolio, stress management, season affect and work productivity.

#### NEW BUSINESS

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

Meir Shillor, Rebecca Leigh and Joanne Lipson-Freed agreed to review this new certificate. Council discussed the request and Dr. Robert Uptegraff attended the meeting to clarify issues raised by the Council regarding this new certificate. Dr. Uptegraff will clarify the introduction and admission requirements for program. He will also provide information on courses that can be applied towards a master's degree.

##### B. New Program – Masters of Social Work

Zissimos Mourelatos, Lisa Hawley and Seong Cho agreed to review this new program. Dr. Joseph Shively and Dr. Maria Beam attended the meeting to clarify any concerns raised by the Council.

*Meir Shillor made the motion to waive a seconded reading. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously*

*Meghan Harris made the motion to approve the New Program, Masters of Social Work. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously*

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Nothing at this time

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Program Modification for Masters of Special Education – 100% Online instructional delivery method for masters SLD, Graduate Certificate Basic and Advanced SLD

#### GOOD AND WELFARE

Nothing at this time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:24 p.m.