

Present: Brandy Randall, (*Chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Joanne Lipson-Freed (*Co-Chair*), Darrin Hanna, Daniel Llamocca, Victoria Lucia, Meir Shillor, Anne Hranchook, Paul Weinberg, John Krauss, Seong Yeon Cho, Helen Levenson, and Nicole Boelk (*Guest*)

Staff: Jessica Taylor (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. Introductions & New Member Welcome

The Graduate Council Members introduced themselves. There are four new members on Graduate Council: Helen Levenson, Associate Professor of Library, Library, Anne Hranchook, Associate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, Paul Weinberg, Associate Professor of Education, SEHS/Teacher Development and Educational Studies, and John Krauss, Professor of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences. Introduction of Jessica Taylor as the new Graduate Council Secretary.

B. Graduate Council Process

Dean Randall reviewed the Graduate Council process. Materials are in Google Drive, with that link being shared via email and the calendar invite. They are also in eSpace. We are working to transition to Curriculog. Training will be provided.

C. Selection of Vice-Chair

The position of Vice-Chair is for the academic year of 2023-2024. Joanne Lipson-Freed graciously agreed to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Graduate Council, and council members were unanimously in support.

D. Enrollment Update

Dean Randall shared that new student enrollment is up, but that returning student enrollment was down as projected because of a smaller potential returning class.

E. Convocation and Graduate Information at Open House

Graduate students were invited to attend Convocation for the first time. The Graduate School hosted an informational open house afterward. Fifty new graduate students attended the Open House. This is going to serve as a basis for developing an orientation for new graduate students.

F. Graduate Student and Alumni Ice Cream Social at the Carillon Concert

This July, in cooperation with the Graduate School Advisory Board, the Graduate School hosted our 3rd annual ice cream social before an Elliot Bell Tower Carillon Concert. The event was for current graduate students, graduate alumni, and their families. We had bubble machines, cornhole, and children running through the fountain. Attendance has grown each year. It was a really fun event.

G. Graduate Student's Response to Senate Committee Request

We had 69 students volunteer for the graduate student seats on Senate committees. When we look at the responses over all to opportunities for engagement, it is wonderful to see that graduate students are responding. We'll continue to develop more opportunities for graduate students.

H. SLATE portal for Program Coordinators

Over the summer, the Graduate School Slate team developed a portal for program coordinators to see incomplete applications. This gives them an opportunity to connect with applicants to encourage them to finish their application. We will continue to build out new features in Slate. Next will come the ability to view completed applications and make admission recommendations directly in Slate. This will be a less cumbersome process than the current Eform process. An email to the coordinator will be generated by the Slate system telling them when there is a new application to view. They will be able to view all the completed applications in the portal, just by logging in. After that, we are going to explore how to get current students into Slate, which would allow us to replace Eforms for current students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joanne Lipson Freed introduced a motion to approve the April 19, 2023 minutes. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Policy Revision: Official Oakland University Academic Digital Badges, Policy Modification: First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting.

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by outlining the policy and the purpose of the modifications. Extensive debate and discussion took place with council members sharing their questions and concerns.

Joanne Lipson-Freed introduced a motion to waive the second reading of the Official Oakland University Academic Digital Badges, Policy Modification. Meir Schillor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Joanne Lipson-Freed introduced a motion to approve the modification of the Official Oakland University Academic Digital Badges, Policy Modification. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. MS in Mechanical Engineering, Program Modification: First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Joanie Lipson-Freed and Darrin Hanna **Presenter(s):** Sarah Beetham

Brandy Randall opened the discussion by outlining the program modification and its purpose. Joanie Lipson-Freed and Darrin Hanna shared their reviews of the program modification. Extensive debate and discussion took place with council members sharing their questions and concerns. Sarah Beetham joined the meeting to answer any questions or concerns. Sarah Beetham stated that she would submit an updated proposal for the second reading.

3. MS in Mechatronic Systems Engineering, Rename and Program Modification: First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and Seong Yeon Cho **Presenter(s):** Brian Dean or Jun Chen

Meir Shillor wanted to invite the presenters into the meeting, immediately, to get clarification and begin the discussion. Darrin Hanna stated that normally the council discusses the program beforehand. Meir Shillor began reviewing the program modification with the presenters. The presenters were invited to the second reading and asked to provide a list of slash courses that have been identified.

Time did not allow for the certificates below to be discussed.

4. **Graduate Certificate in Automotive Electrification, New Certificate Program:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and Seong Yeon Cho
Presenter(s): Brian Dean or Jun Chen

5. **Graduate Certificate in Automotive Mechatronics, New Certificate Program:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and Seong Yeon Cho
Presenter(s): Brian Dean or Jun Chen

6. **Graduate Certificate in Autonomous Vehicle Systems, New Certificate Program:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and Seong Yeon Cho
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7. **Graduate Certificate in Human-Robot Interaction, New Certificate Program:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and Seong Yeon Cho
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8. **Graduate Certificate in Mechatronics and Robotics Fundamentals, New Certificate Program:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and Seong Yeon Cho
Presenter(s): Brian Dean or Jun Chen

9. **Graduate Certificate in Robotic Systems, New Certificate Program:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and Seong Yeon Cho
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10. **Graduate Certificate in System Dynamics, New Certificate Program:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and Seong Yeon Cho
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11. **Graduate Certificate in Systems and Controls, New Certificate Program:** First Reading: Debatable, amenable, and not eligible for a final vote at this meeting. **Reviewers:** Meir Shillor and Seong Yeon Cho
Presenter(s): Brian Dean or Jun Chen

GOOD AND WELFARE

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:29 PM