

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

Not Present: Linda Pavonetti

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

PROVOST INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE COUNCIL

Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost was given an introduction to the Graduate Council. Council members introduced themselves and the Provost was given a brief description of responsibilities of the Graduate Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kris Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 Graduate Council Meeting as written. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- **3 Minute Thesis (3MT) & Graduate Student Showcase (GSS):** Due to the number of participants the preliminary round was eliminated. The Champion round winner will receive a \$1250 prize and each of the People's Choice awardees will receive \$250. Planning for the 2022 competition will begin at the conclusion of this years event.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Modification – Graduate Certificates in Public Administration

Linda Pavonetti and Mohammad-Reza agreed to review this modification. Dr. Pat Piskulich attended the meeting to provide answers to questions the Council had regarding the proposed modification. Council was concerned on how the drop from 4 credit courses to 3 credit courses; reduction from 16 credits to 12 credits, would affect student financial aid and international students. This modification should not have an effect on either, as most students do not qualify for financial aid and are not international students. However, this modification would require a Certificate Policy modification.

Meghan Harris made the motion to waive the second reading of the Modification in Graduate Certificates in Public Administration. Mohammad-Reza Siadat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Meir Shillor made the motion to approve the Modification in Graduate Certificates in Public Administration. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Modification – 4+1 in Applied Statistics

Seong Cho and Robert Noiva agreed to review this modification. Meir Shillor was available to provide answers to questions the Council had regarding this modification. Modification is well written and request was straight forward.

Seong Cho made the motion to waive the second reading of the Modification for 4+1 in Applied Statistics. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Noiva made the motion to approve the Modification for 4+1 in Applied Statistics. Kris Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Minimum Credit Graduate Certificates Policy Change**

Brandy Randall brought to the Council the need to address the current Graduate Certificate Policy of minimum of 15 credits per certificate. Since some Departments are using 3 credit courses it was proposed to make the minimum 12 credits.

Kris Thompson made the motion to waive the second reading Minimum 12 Credit Graduate Certificate Policy. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meir Shillor made the motion to approve the modification to the Minimum 12 Credit Graduate Certificate Policy. Kris Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- N/A

GOOD AND WELFARE

- N/A

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:16 p.m.