

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

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meghan Harris moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2020, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- **Introductions and Welcome of Graduate Council Members**
Council members introduced themselves. Graduate Council has four new members. Brandy Randall, Dean of Graduate School, Seong Yeon Cho, Associate Professor of Accounting in SBA, Lisa Hawley, Professor of Counseling in SEHS, Rebecca Leigh, Professor of Education, Reading & Language Arts in SEHS.
- **Overview of Graduate Council**
At the request of Brandy Randall, Robert Noiva provided an overview of the Graduate Council. This included meeting schedule, program modifications, new program submissions timelines and approval process. Council is also charged with monitoring the quality of programs by periodically reviewing programs. Council recognizes one faculty member for excellence in mentoring. Would like to propose two awards for excellence in mentoring, one for a tenured faculty member and one for a non-tenured faculty.
- **Co-Chair Election**
Meghan Harris was elected the 2020-2021 Academic year Graduate Council Co-Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Modifications

- **4+1 Combined Exercise BS and MS Program**
Meir Shillor and Zissimos Mourelatos agreed to review this modification
- **Master of Music in Music Education Online**
Meghan Harris and Seong Cho agreed to review this modification. Council will reach out to the Coordinator for a list of courses that will become online.
- **Master Social Work New Program**
Robert Noiva and Kris Thompson agreed to review this new program.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Graduate Council Procedures**
 - Brandy discussed the possibility of creating a subcommittee to address Program Reviews. Celia will assist in collecting data from other Universities on their procedures for program review.
 - Brandy proposed two potential methods to streamline program modifications. The first would be to create a curriculum subcommittee that would review the modification or submission making sure all pertinent information is present and assign reviewers. The second suggestion was a rotation. This would create a schedule of reviewers while avoiding conflict of interest for individuals reviewing modification from their own programs. Many on the Council favored the rotations method. This will be put into practice to see how it works.

- Identify processes to create visibility of OU in the Community and State.
 - 3 Minute Thesis Competition and Graduate Student Showcase. This would be a celebration of Graduate Education while encouraging connection with local business, alumni and State Legislatures. This would also would aid professional development.. Given the current pandemic, a virtual competition could be an option.
 - OU currently has a Graduate Student Research Conference. Brandy will meet with Dr. Christine Stiller, Chair of the organizing committee to discuss the conference.
 - Potentially create a subcommittee of Graduate Council to develop a process to nominate students for regional and national awards (e.g., .Council for Graduate Schools and Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools).
- A suggestion that Graduate Council could create a newsletter to disseminate information to the University population.

GOOD AND WELFARE

- **Liaison to the RCR Faculty Advisory Committee** (Kris Thompson)

Kris Thompson has volunteered to represent the Graduate Council on the RCR Faculty Advisory Committee. Meetings are just beginning again. Committee designed to support Graduate students and encourage badging and certification. Dr. Thompson will be meeting the Committee Chair, Elysa White in the near future. Claire Rammel offered provide additional information on badging at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:12 p.m.