

Present: Susan Awbrey (*Chair*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Joanne Lipson Freed, Meghan Harris, Zissimos Mourelatos, Robert Noiva (Co-Chair), Linda Pavonetti, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Meir Shillor, Rajeev Singhal Julia Smith, Kris Thompson,

Excused: Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*)

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meir Shillor moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2019, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Julia Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

A. Modifications

- **Clinical Nurse Leader Master's Degree Modification.**

Reviewer: Kris Thompson

The proposal presents a strong rationale for the re-instatement of the CNL degree program. There are strong letters of support. An apparent need for this program and the support of employers that are interested in hiring nurses with this degree. This would assist with the University's goal of increasing enrollment of Master level students.

Dr. Claudia Grobbel provided documents addressing and clarifying the concerns of the Council from the October 2, 2019.

Kris Thompson moved to approve the Clinical Nurse Leader Master's Degree Modification. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Online MBA Program Delivery Mode Modification**

Reviewer: Julia Smith

The MBA Program completed and submitted the Request to Replace, Delete or Add Instructional Delivery Method form. The overall plan is good and the budget is solid. However, question arose in Section 4 and Section 5. The Council is asking for clarification.

Council will invite a representative Niivedita Mukherji Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Economics School of Business Administration to address the Council regarding this modification.

- **Online MPA Program Delivery Mode Modification**

Kris Condic and Joanne Lipson Freed presented their review to the Council. It is a straight forward modification. Currently the program is a combination of on-ground combined with less than 50% distance education. The proposed modification is a new instruction method at 100% online.

Concern is how to guarantee that someone isn't filling in for someone else throughout the entire online program. Some Schools have virtual classes whereby students must long in and face time the class. At this time the University does not have a policy in place, but is working towards that goal.

Meghan Harris made the motion to waive a second reading. Julia Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Zissimos Mourelatos moved to approve the Online MPA Program Delivery Mode Modification. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Psychology Ph.D. Modification**

Meghan Harris and Rajeev Singhal agreed to review this modification.

- **MS in Exercise Science Program Modification**

Meir Shillor and Zissimos Mourelatos agreed to review this modification.

B. FOR DISCUSSION

- **Post Candidacy Full-Time Credits.**

Cindy Hermsen, Director of Financial Aid and Dave Archbold, Director of International Students will address the Council regarding full-time student status as it impacts financial assistance to students on November 20, 2019.

GOOD AND WELFARE

- Kris Condic provide the Council with material on other institutions Graduate Program Modifications forms. Materials will be made available to the Council for review and will be discussed at the November 20, 2019 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:28 p.m.