

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

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Zissimos Mourelatos moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 Graduate Council Meeting as written. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- **Education Advisory Board (EAB):** EAB researches the behavior of students for recruitment in higher education. The Graduate School is attempting to work with the EAB to determine what steps can be taken to recruit graduate students to Oakland University.
- **KPI:** Graduate Staff is working on projections for Fall 2021 enrollment. At this time registration is not open for fall. However, based on application rates the PhD applications are up, as is the acceptance rate since this time last year. Unfortunately, international student applications are down, but this has been a trend for the past few years across the country.
- **Three Minute Thesis & Graduate Student Showcase:** The 2021 virtual event was a success. Planning for 2022 is ongoing. It will be an in person event, segmenting preliminary rounds with a champion round to be held in the late afternoon with a following reception.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Modification – Transfer Credit Policy

Brandy Randall submitted to the Council a proposal to the Transfer Credit Policy. Grad Council suggested several revisions during extensive discussion. A revised draft will be brought forward at the next meeting.

B. Policy Clarification – Undergraduate Students in Graduate Courses

Upper-division undergraduates with appropriate credentials, permission of their academic adviser and the department offering the course, may enroll in 5000-level graduate courses and use them toward their baccalaureate degrees. Once approved, the graduate courses become part of the undergraduate degree program and used to satisfy the baccalaureate credit requirements. Clarification would state, *that such graduate courses may not be used in the future to fulfill the credit requirements of a graduate degree unless they are taken as part of an approved 4+1 program*. The Council requested some clarification to wording. Brandy will make necessary revision and submit to Council for review at the next meeting.

C. Policy Removal – Graduate Students in Undergraduate Courses

Recommended to delete this policy. Currently, up to 12 credits of 4000-level advanced undergraduate coursework, completed by an undergraduate at Oakland University, may be applied to a graduate program if the courses were not used to fulfill the baccalaureate degree requirements. The courses must be applicable to a select graduate program, approved by the faculty adviser, graduate committee on instruction, and Oakland University Graduate School. Credit earned more than six years, before a master's degree is to be granted, may not be used to fulfill the degree or program requirements. The difference between undergraduate tuition and graduate tuition will be assessed at the time credits are transferred to the graduate academic record. This might require students to owe the institution money. Council requested some additional information. Brandy will submit revisions to Council for review at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

GOOD AND WELFARE

- **S/P Grades:** Lisa Hawley requested some clarification regarding students who receive an unsatisfactory grade. How does this impact grade point average and financial aid? Lisa Hawley will meet with Claire Rammel to discuss this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:37 p.m.