

**Present:** Susan Awbrey (*Chair*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Meghan Harris, Zissimos Mourelatos, Robert Noiva (*Co-chair*), Meir Shillor, Julia Smith, Kris Thompson, Jennifer Vonk

**Absent:** Ledong Li, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Rajeev Singhal,

**Staff:** Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Susan Awbrey moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Stacking Certificates

Council invited Dr. Nivedita Mukherji, Associate Dean of the School of Business to discuss the School of Business proposal of stacking certificates. Dr. Mukherji discussed the national trend for a decrease in MBA enrollment. OU at this time has not seen a significant decrease, but this could become an issue in the future. School of Business is looking for opportunities to increase or maintain retention. The certificates would be at the post-bachelor level. The certificates would be five courses in length and in Finance, Business Essentials and Business Analytics. Individuals who complete the certificate could enroll in MBA program with a reduction in credits. Students would be required to complete all MBA core requirements. However, 15 credits could be in electives, such as marketing. This certificate stacking is designed for students with prior work experience in the field.

Current trends at OU indicated that half the students interested in certificate programs already have a background in business, while the other half are from other fields, such as Engineering without a business background. The certificates are to attract those already working in the field. The thought is that many Companies are willing to assist their employees with certifications. Once a student has the certificate, they may be more inclined to enroll in the MBA program to further their education.

##### B. Masters of Arts in Biology Modification

*Meir Shillor moved to approve the Masters of Arts in Biology Modification. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

##### C. Applied & Computational Physics

Council in receipt of program modification form. This program was previously approved by the Senate. Susan Awbrey to contact department for clarification on what is being modified, decrease from 90 credits to 80, and if so what courses are being dropped.

##### D. ISE (Industrial & Systems Engineering) Change University's Definition of a Full-Time Graduate Student from 8 credits per Semester to 7 Credits per Semester

Zissimos Mourelatos and Meghan Harris assigned to review.

##### E. School of Nursing – Adult/Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)

Kris Thompson and Meir Shillor assigned to review.

##### F. Discussion regarding moving a 3 credit to 4 credit base for OU

Council briefly discussed OU moving to a 3 credit to 4 credit base. This is currently being discussed at the Undergraduate level and would move OU in line with other Michigan based Universities. This will be further discussed at a future Graduate Council Meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. **MEd in and GC in International Baccalaureate Education - Modification** - Assign Reviewers  
Rajeev Singhal (*or SBA representative covering for Dr. Singhal while on sabbatical Fall 2018*) and Kris Thompson

This modification will be deferred until November 28, 2018. Committee has yet to receive responses. Committee to contact Department to determine if the changes will impact the accreditation of program. Does the Department support program?

- B. **Teaching English as a Second Language Graduate Certificate (TESL)**  
*Meir Shillor moved to approve the Teaching English as a Second Language Graduate Certificate (TESL). Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

- C. **Master of Public Administration Certificate Programs Modifications** - Assign Reviewers  
Mohammad-Reza Siadat (*or the next Engineering-PhD representative*) and Julia Smith

1. Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Organization and Management
2. Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management
3. Graduate Certificate in Health Care Administration
4. Graduate Certificate in Court Administration
5. Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Leadership

This request was tabled as Department has not responded to Committee inquires. The Committee will attempt to reach out to the Department again for clarification of concerns.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

- None

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.