

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

**Excused:** Meghan Harris, Zissimos Mourelatos

**Staff:** Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting called to order at 1:34 PM

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Robert Noiva moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Nothing at this time

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Policy #120 Continuous Enrollment Policy for Doctoral Students**

At the time that the policy was developed there were course fees still at the University, and students who needed to enroll for one credit were charged course fees, that often times were equivalent to tuition rates. It was proposed that students would enroll in a special course, GCE, which had no tuition associated with it. Students utilized that when they had already met the 24 credits of dissertation. It went to the Academic Council because it needed Board approval for the special rate. At this time there are two additional policies. The continuous enrollment was established in 2005. It was updated around 2012, where it went through Council, this policy covers more than Policy #120. Hence, there are no repercussions if Policy #120 is rescinded.

*Meir Shillor made the motion to rescind Policy #120 Continuous Enrollment Policy for Doctoral Students, Julia Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **A. Modifications**

- **Psychology Ph.D. Modification**

Susan Awbrey provided the Council with Meghan Harris's review. After Council discussion.

*Robert Noiva made the motion to approve the Psychology Ph.D. Modification. Joanne Lipson Freed seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **B. FOR DISCUSSION**

- **Review Program Modification Form**

Susan Awbrey provided the Council a draft of the revised Program Modification form. The council methodically went through the modification form requesting changes be made. Some suggested modifications were addition to wording, Proposed Semester/Year start; Rename program/concentration; the addition of Crosswalk and re-numbering of questions

The Council similarly reviewed the Reviewer Checklist suggesting changes.

Susan Awbrey will make the recommended modifications to the Program Modification Form and Reviewer Checklist and bring the updated forms to the Council for continued discussion on January 22, 2020.

- **Post Candidacy Full-Time Credits**

Deferred until January 22, 2020 meeting.

- **Founders Day – Graduate Faculty Mentor Award**

Nominations will be submitted to the Graduate Council for discussion at the January 22, 2020 meeting.

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:04 p.m.