

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

Not Present: Robert Noiva

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting held remotely

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meir Shillor moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 Graduate Council Meeting as written. Meghan Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Graduate Student Research Conference: Committee continues to meet regularly. The conference will be virtual and students will be pre-recording their presentations, creating MP4 videos. The conference will be on March 5, 2021. However, a final determination will be made as the University finalizes the Winter 2021 academic calendar.
- AUF: Brandy is encouraging the Graduate Staff to participate in the Graduate School general fund and/or the Graduate Student Finish-Line Scholarship.
- Graduate Student Open Forums: Forums took place on November 12, 2020. It has become clear that students were looking for a means to connect with others. After consulting other colleagues, after the upcoming break, Brandy will be holding zoom office hours. She has also reached out to other Deans to encourage other Departments/Schools to allow senior graduate students to reach out to newer students

NEW BUSINESS

A. Modifications

- **Program modification for Master of Training & Development SEHS**
Kris Thompson and Mohammad-Reza Siadat agreed to review this modification. They sent questions to Dr. William Solomonson who responded to the questions in written format as well as attending the meeting to further clarify any issues raised by the Council members regarding the modification.

Seong Cho made the motion to approve the Program modification for Master of Training & Development to Master or Organizational Leadership. Kris Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Enrollment Update**
Steve Meyer, Assistant Director, Graduate Informatics & Analysis, Graduate was invited to the meeting to give the Council an updated on Winter 2021 enrollment trends. Coordinators are receiving weekly enrollment updates. Graduate School piloted the Pathway Program for Winter 2021, graduating undergraduate students will receive a letter offering them a pathway to graduate school in their fields of study.

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Nothing at this time

GOOD AND WELFARE

- The difficulty of navigating Curriculum was briefly discussed. It is an online system which is not designed to print out. The University will be working to remove obstacles and create a smoother path in the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:11 p.m.