

Present: Susan Awbrey (*Chair*), Jacqueline Drouin, Meghan Harris, Meir Shillor, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Rajeev Singhal, Julia Smith, Jennifer Vonk

Absent: Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Ledong Li, Zissimos Mourelatos, Robert Noiva (*Co-chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Kris Thompson

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meir Shillor moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Julia Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Awbrey welcomed everyone to the meeting

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019 Outstanding Mentor Award

Council excused Jennifer Vonk and Julia Smith from proceedings as they had been nominated for this award. After reviewing the nominees and discussion, Jennifer Vonk was voted the 2019 recipient of the Outstanding Mentor Award.

B. Proposal for Graduate Study Name Change

Susan Awbrey opened the discussion. The proposal was to change the name of Graduate Study to Graduate School of Oakland University. This change would align Oakland University with other R2 institutions in the State and bring clarity to services provided. The adoption of a new name will not functionally impact operations.

Meghan Harris moved to approve the name Graduate Study name change. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Biology Program Modification Replacement of Bio Course

Deferred until the next meeting on February 27, 2019

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

Dave Archbold of the International Students and Scholars Office and Cindy Hermsen, Director of Financial Aid, were present to discuss the impact of changing the number of credits required for a graduate student to be full time. Mr. Archbold indicated that changing full-time from 8 to 7 credits is premature since the university is considering moving to 3 credits instead of 4 as its standard. He also indicated that there needs to be a simultaneous change in the number of credits required for the degree (lowered) if the number of credits for full time is lowered to 7. Otherwise, it will take students longer to graduate. Cindy Hermsen indicated that the change might require students to take on additional loans and debt. Both indicated that the change should not be undertaken to address a problem in one program, but only undertaken for the entire university. Both advised against the proposed change.

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

Deferred until the next meeting. Dr. Meghan Harris will invite her colleague to the February 27, 2019 to discuss this and offer any clarification the committee might need.

F. Two-Concentration Design for SEIT MS Program and Consequent Catalog Modification

Mohammad-Reza Siadat discussed the need to offer two concentrations for the SEIT MS Program, one in software Engineering and one in Information Technology. Per the Committee inquires Dr. Siadat provided an outline of the core requirements for both concentrations.

Julia Smith moved to approve the two-concentration design for SEIT MS program and consequent catalog modification. Rajeev Singhal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Deferred until the February 27, 2019 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

After several attempts the Committee has yet to receive responses. Unless a response is received this item will be suspended.

B. Master of Public Administration Certificate Programs Modifications –

Dr. Pat Piskulich was present to answer questions the Council had regarding these program modifications. Clarification was obtained that if a student completed the certificate program, those credits could be used as electives for a Master's degree. However, the student would need to meet the requirements and complete the core courses for a Master's. This information would be stated up front for the students.

Dr. Pat Piskulich to provide the syllabi for courses to be forwarded to the Senate.

Meghan Harris moved to approve the Master of Public Administration Certificate Programs Modifications, Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.