

**Present:** Susan Awbrey (*Chair*), Jacqueline Drouin, Meghan Harris, Ledong Li, Robert Noiva (Co-Chair), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*) Meir Shillor, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Jennifer Vonk

**Absent:** Zissimos Mourelatos, Rajeev Singhal, Julia Smith, Kris Thompson

**Staff:** Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 PM

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Meir Shillor moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Robert Noiva seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

Dr. Awbrey welcomed everyone to the meeting

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Biology Program Modification Replacement of Bio Course**

The Department of Biological Sciences is proposing to remove the requirement for four (4) credits of BIO 5995. This course could be replaced by any one of the other BIO graduate lecture courses offered by the department at the graduate level. BIO 5995 would still be an option, but no longer a requirement. Department is looking to create an MA program that is attractive and useful to a larger pool of prospective students. The removal of BIO 5995 requirement would assist students who are not interested in the research aspect of biology, such as biology teachers.

The Council will reach out to the department to obtain numbers of students who begin the program actually finish the program.

##### **B. School of Nursing-Adult/Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)**

Dr. Meghan Harris invited her colleague, Margaret Glembocki to answer the various questions the Council had regarding this proposal. Ms. Glembocki informed the Council that there is currently a critical shortage of Acute Care Nurse Practitioners. Wayne State University has seen enrollment drop significantly while Madonna University has seen an increase, The DNP at Oakland University would fill this need.

To answer the question of why there so many credit hours required in comparison to other institutions Ms. Glembocki informed the Council that 500 minimum credits are required for accreditation. They chose additional 100-200 credits based on suggestions from students who want to become more comfortable in the clinical areas. It would also make Oakland Student more marketable, as Critteton Hospital would be willing to take only OU students in their program.

This is a need, and they currently have students waiting for such a program. In the first year they would have 24 students, and the second year 44. The program could hold 100 students in two cohorts.

The Council recommended that Ms. Glembocki add her clarification comments to the proposal. The Council thanked Ms. Glembocki for attending and she was excused so the Council could vote.

*Meir Shillor moved to approve the School of Nursing-Adult/Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) proposal with clarifications added. Ledong Li seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

##### **C. MSITM 4+1 Program Modification**

This modification as reviewed and Robert Noiva indicated that it was acceptable. However, it was noted that there was no Dean's signature on proposal.

*Robert Noiva moved to waive a second reading. Seconded by Ledong Li. Motion to waive second reading passed unanimously.*

*Meir Shillor moved to approve the MSITM 4+1 Program Modification with Dean's signature. Seconded by Mohammad-Reza Siadat. Motion passed unanimously.*

**D. WPH 4+1 Program**

Council discussed the WPH 4+1 Program modification. There were some inconsistency noticed in the proposal, such as student demand, was there a formal survey conducted? GPA requirements were also not consistent. In addition, the proposal did not clearly identify a community link or need.

These questions will be sent to the department.

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

On recommendations from Dave Archbold of the International Students and Scholars Office and Cindy Hermsen, Director of Financial Aid, that a change such as this should not be undertaken to address a problem in one program, but only undertaken for the entire university. The Council discussed a survey to be conducted of all the program at OU to see who else might benefit from this issue.

Dr. Awbrey informed the Council that the University is aware of this need. She will approach the Provost about developing a Task Force to address this issue.

*Robert Noiva moved to deny the ISE (Industrial & Systems Engineering) Change University's Definition of a Full-Time Graduate Student from 8 credits per Semester to 7 Credits per Semester. Seconded by Meghan Harris. Motion denied unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. MEd in and GC in International Baccalaureate Education - Modification -**

This modification has been removed. The Department has decided to drop the program.

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

**A. Accounting Department**

The Accounting Department is preparing the annual review. They have asked if Graduate Council would be willing to review their Master's program. Once information is obtained from Department, Susan Awbrey will assign reviewers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:58 p.m.