

Present: Susan Awbrey (*Chair*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Jacqueline Drouin, Zissimos Mourelatos, Robert Noiva (*Co-chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Rajeev Singhal, Julia Smith, Jennifer Vonk

Absent: Ledong Li, Meghan Harris, Meir Shillor, Kris Thompson

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Zissimos Mourelatos moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2018, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Jennifer Vonk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Awbrey welcomed Dr. Jacqueline Drouin who will be filling in for Dr. Kris Thompson. The Committee welcomed back Dr. Rajeev Singhal.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Applied & Computational Physics

The council approved the program modifications. The matter is on the January 17, 2019 Senate agenda.

B. ESL Policy

Ms. Rosemary Max, the Executive Director of Global Engagement discussed the development of the new OU ESL policy. The updated policy is a response to Schools and Colleges within OU who felt the current policy did not provide for the needs of the students. The new policy is along the lines of other Michigan peer Universities and Colleges. The new policy will allow potential students to take academic courses alongside ESL courses. In addition, the policy will allow F&J visa students working for local companies to provide other methods of proving ESL proficiency. Further, individual schools are still able to determine their own TOEFL requirements. In 2018 OU denied 120 students undergraduate admission under the old policy.

Ms. Max explained that under the new policy F and J visa students could continue to be admitted, but would be required to successfully complete ESL courses before being allowed to move into the Master's Program. Program courses would need to be approved to run simultaneously with the ESL course.

Zissimos Mourelatos moved to approve the ESL Policy. Julia Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Mourelatos suggested that in his opinion this was a convenience motion for International students. The ISE would like to change the University's definition of a full-time graduate student from 8 credits to 7 credits per semester. Currently, Engineering Management Master's program requires students to enroll in 4 credit courses and 3 credit SBA courses. Graduate students are required to enroll in a minimum of 8 credits per semester to be classified as full-time. This is causing problems for international students. However, a change in credits presents a financial aid issue under current University policy. Dr. Smith informed the committee that while Oakland can definitely change the definition of full-time, Financial Aid must accept the change.

After further discussion the committee determined that more information was needed. Dave Archbold, Director of the ISSO office and Cindy Hermsen, Director of Financial Aid will be invited to present at the January 30, 2019 Graduate Council Meeting.

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

Deferred until the next meeting on January 30, 2019.

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

To be addressed with Cindy Hermsen at January 30, 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

This modification will be deferred until January 30, 2019. Committee has yet to receive responses. Committee to contact Department to determine if the changes will impact the accreditation of program. Committee will ask that a department representative attend at January 30, 2019 meeting. If no response by January 30, 2019 modification will be removed.

B. Master of Public Administration Certificate Programs Modifications –

Dr. Smith received the response from the Department regarding Committee inquiries. However, after committee discussion, clarification is needed on two issues, the Graduate Certificate in Court Administrations and Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Leadership. Dr. Smith will reach out to the Department for additional information. If not available via e-mail, a representative will be asked to present at a Council Meeting.

GOOD AND WELFARE

A. SEIT MS Program and Consequent Catalog Modification

Dr. Mohammad-Reza Siadat requested that the Council consider today's meeting as the first reading of the SEIT MS Program modification proposal. The rationale behind the modification is to clearly reflect the two concentrations, "Software Engineering" and "Information Technology" in the SEIT program. These are very different disciplines and mixing the two curricula does not make sense.

The Council discussed the modification, and the concern regarding core requirements was addressed. It was suggested that one to two courses should be developed, the addition of In-depth courses and elective courses.

Dr. Mohammad-Reza will address the Council's concerns and a second reading will be conducted at the January 30, 2019 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:43 p.m.