

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

**Absent:** Meghan Harris, Ledong Li, Rajeev Singhal

**Staff:** Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Julia Smith moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2018, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Mohammad-Reza Siadat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- **Call for Co-Chair**
  - Robert Noiva volunteered to Co-Chair the Graduate Council
  - *Julia Smith moved to approve the appointment of Robert Noiva as Co-Chair. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously*

#### NEW BUSINESS

- None

#### OLD BUSINESS

A. **Senate Testing Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

*Julia Smith moved to approve the Revised Senate Testing Policy. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

B. **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 October 24, 2018. Committee to contact Department to determine if the changes will impact the accreditation of program. Does the Department support program?

C. **Teaching English as a Second Language Endorsement (TESL) Modification** - Assign Reviewers

Kris Condic and Ledong Li

Rebecca Gaydos, Instructor in Department of Linguistics addressed the Committee members regarding their concerns this modification. The Department will complete forms required to change TESL from an endorsement to a graduate certificate. Questions will be sent to the Linguistics Department and the committee will await their response.

1. Add 4 credits to 20 credit TESL – Michigan Department of Education (MD) updated standards
  - K-12 certification can be used towards a Masters in Linguistics
  - Introduction to Linguistics 5501 does not count.
2. Currently program is in Professional Development. However, would like to return it to Linguistics Program.
3. This is a Michigan Department of Education requirement, but OU has been on doing this since approximately 2004.
  - This is a global change required by the Michigan Department of Education for those pursuing and ESL (NS) Endorsement.
  - This is a prerequisite requirement to the K12 Graduate TESL program only.
4. Rebecca Gaydos to work Claire Rammel to revise proposal.

D. **Master of Art in Biology Modification** - Assign Reviewers

Meir Shillor and Jennifer Vonk

The Committee had some questions regarding this modification

1. This request was tabled as Department has not responded to Committee inquires.
2. Committee will reach out to Department again for clarification of concerns.

E. **Master of Public Administration Certificate Programs Modifications** - Assign Reviewers Mohammad-Reza Siadat (*or the next Engineering-PhD representative*) and Julia Smith

1. Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Organization and Management
2. Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management
3. Graduate Certificate in Health Care Administration
4. Graduate Certificate in Court Administration
5. Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Leadership

This request was tabled as Department has not responded to Committee inquires. The Committee will attempt to reach out to the Department again for clarification of concerns.

**ON HOLD – Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies – New**

- The Committee has not received a response from the Department regarding the Graduate Council’s request for corrected/revised proposals prior to the second reading.

***Dr. Meir Shillor made the motion to withdraw motion to approve the Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies. Julia Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**ON HOLD – Post-Master Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies – New**

- No response from Department regarding Graduate Council’s request for a corrected/revised proposal prior to second reading.

***Dr. Meir Shillor made the motion to withdraw motion to approve the Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies. Julia Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

- Mohammad-Reza Siadat reminded the Committee that he would have to leave the Graduate Council meetings at 2:30 as he is teaching a course.
- Mohammad-Reza Siadat asked the Graduate Council regarding the guidelines for modifying the Software Engineering and Information Technology Masters. The School of Engineering and Computer Science would like to have the programs divided into separate concentrations. Claire Rammel will work with Mohammad-Reza Siadat to complete the program modification requirements to be submitted to Graduate Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:28 PM