

Present: Susan Awbrey (*Chair*), Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Meghan Harris, Ledong Li, Zissimos Mourelatos, Robert Noiva (*Co-chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor, Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Kris Thompson

Absent: Julia Smith, Rajeev Singhal, Jennifer Vonk

Staff: Celia Knobelsdorf (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meir Shillor moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018, Graduate Council Meeting as written. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

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 November 14, 2018. Committee has yet to receive responses. Committee to contact Department to determine if the changes will impact the accreditation of program. Does the Department support program?

- B. **Teaching English as a Second Language Graduate Certificate (TESL)** - Assign Reviewers
Kris Condic and Ledong Li

This certificate will be deferred until November 14, 2018. Claire Rammel working with Department on this.

- C. **Master of Art in Biology Modification**
Council approved the dropping of the GRE requirement.

- D. **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.

GOOD AND WELFARE

- Robert Noiva asked the Graduate Council about the University policy and thoughts on stackable certificates. The Committee discussed this at length. The University HLC and President are supporting this process at this time. Committee members had reservations on the fundamental core of education as related to Master Degree studies.

Susan Awbrey recommended inviting Nivedita Mukherji, Associate Dean of the School of Business to the November 14, 2018 Graduate Council Meeting to discuss her thoughts on stackable certificates.

- Mohammad-Reza Siadat asked the Graduate Council about the upcoming Catalog modifications. Claire Rammel informed the Council members that the call for modifications will be made in November with a target deadline of April 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:16 PM