The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. by Michael Shaw, Chair Pro Tem.

I. Announcements

a. Enrollment Management Report
   • Scott Belobrajdic emailed out Fall enrollment prior to the meeting. SIUE has the highest graduate and professional enrollment since 1977 and is at the highest number of doctoral students ever for the University. There will be multiple virtual open houses featuring the different units/programs to accommodate for COVID-19. There is also a fee waiver in place for Spring to try to keep enrollment progress going.

b. Student Affairs Announcements
   • Student Affairs has approved over 200 student events that must submit a campus safety plan for the pandemic. The re-opening of SIUE to students went smoothly and students are following the safety practices put in place for COVID-19 successfully. Testing for COVID-19 is being implemented, at different locations, for both asymptomatic and symptomatic individuals.

c. International Affairs Announcements
   • There are currently 360 total international students, 30 of which are taking online courses from their own country, which presents its challenges. There was a virtual online event for the approximately 25 new international students. Several students also received emergency funding from SIUE foundation, IIE, etc.

d. Graduate School Announcements
   • An endowment was created named The Stephen L. and Julia Y. Hansen, Rosemarie Archangel, Ellen V. Sappington Innovation and Excellence in Graduate Education Endowment, to enhance graduate studies. Beginning this year, the endowment is starting to create spendable funds and the Graduate School will be programming with those funds. The program being launched this year will focus on graduate student mentoring. The Graduate School will be putting out a call to faculty and staff for programming ideas on how to mentor graduate students. This will be out in October with the anticipation the programs will be put into place in Spring 21. The CFP will allow for proposals for up to
$7,500. The goal for the endowment principle is $500,000 of which the current values is in excess of $370,000.

- The Graduate School also announced that the department is now fully staffed, just recently hiring Rhonda Bailey for the front desk Office Support Specialist position.

e. Other Announcements

- None.

II. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2020

- The Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. Public Comments

- None.

IV. Online Graduate Programs: Compliance & Best Practices (Presented by Kimberly Kilgore & Matthew Schmitz)

- Kim Kilgore & Matt Schmitz attended GC from the office of online & educational outreach. Kim shared the policy regarding activities of the placement of students outside of Illinois & what needs to be disclosed to stay in compliance with various regulatory bodies. Permission is required for students who are out-of-state or who participate in significant out-of-state activities to be in compliance. This policy is relevant to any programs that lead to professional licensure. The department is also working to bring the University into compliance regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, including online accessibility. They are focusing on usability, accessibility, and inclusion. Blackboard Ally is a tool to assist with improving accessibility by putting a document in different formats. The OSCQR Rubric can be used for best practices. Tips were also presented to assist with making learning materials accessible. Accessibility begins with the class syllabus. Supporting documentation and resources will be sent to the Graduate Council prior to the meeting and uploaded to SharePoint.

V. Carnegie Committee Update

- The next task for the committee is to get feedback from the community. The committee is hoping to discuss findings in the November meetings in graduate council. More information will be posted soon on the graduate council webpage.

VI. Report of the Programs Committee

a) Form 91A: Teaching of Writing

- The department would like to take out two of the required core courses and allow the students to select two electives instead. This allows for more flexibility for both the students and the professors. The program will keep the same number of credit hours.

b) Form 91A: Computer Science

- CS 501 is a course that has been offered for a long time and serves as an
intensive course to get students up to speed in programming, but does not count towards the degree, causing students that had to take this course to take an extra class. The department would like to add CS 501 as an elective course that counts towards the program.

c) Form 91A: Social Work
   - The department would like to align the program requirements with the Illinois state requirements due to licensure changes at the state level.

d) Form 91A: Accounting
   - The department would like to make changes to the GMAT requirement and introduce an Early Entry Program (Combined Bachelor Graduate Degree-Early Entry). A GMAT waiver would now be available for applicants with a 3.2 or better GPA in any undergraduate business degree from an AACSB-accredited business program and applicants with a 3.0 or higher GPA and a minimum of three years full-time professional work experience.

   - Michael Hair brought the above forward for Graduate Council approval. Michael Hair moved for approval of the items. The items were approved with no opposition.

VII. Report of the Educational and Research Policies (ERP) Committee

a) GR2021-01 – Post-Baccalaureate and Post-Master’s Certificate Policy – 1L14
   - The policy was updated to add an additional option for justifying number of hours.

b) GR2021-02 – University Admission Policies – 1E1
   - Changes were made to reduce applicant burden by adding into the policy that if someone has an unacceptable undergraduate GPA, but received a graduate degree with an acceptable GPA, they would not have to request an exception.

c) GR2021-03 – Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Research and Academic Misconduct – 1Q5
   - The policy was updated to add clarity and the option for the accused to admit guilt.

   - Barb McCracken brought the above forward for Graduate Council approval. Barb McCracken moved for approval of the items. The items were approved with no opposition.

VIII. Affirmation of Programs Committee Chair

   - Michael Hair has volunteered to serve as the Programs Committee chair for FY21, as Richard Flight, the previously elected chair, will no longer be serving on PC this year.

   - Michael Hair was affirmed as the Programs Committee chair by unanimous vote.

IX. Election of Chair-Elect

   - Barb McCracken was nominated to serve as Chair-Elect for the current FY and Chair for FY22.

   - Barb McCracken was elected by unanimous vote.
X. Open Meetings Act Representative
   • Jennifer Zuercher volunteered to be the Open Meetings Act representative his fiscal year.

XI. Continuing Business
   • None.

XII. New Business
   • None.

XIII. Adjournment
   • The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.