The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Michael Shaw, Chair Pro Tem.

I. Announcements

a. Course Review Committee (CRC) Report – On Sharepoint

b. Graduate Committee on Assessment (GCOA) Report – On Sharepoint

c. Enrollment Management Report
   • Preparing for multiple open houses that will be held virtually. Pre-registration is going well.

d. Student Affairs Announcements
   • Group is meeting to discuss Spring and Summer on campus events, conferences, and camps, and how to do them safely. Going to be using DCOE guidance for outdoor events.

e. International Affairs Announcements
   • The Department of Homeland Security is in the process of issuing a new rule that will be harmful to international students, restricting students to a two-year admission to the university. Currently, immigration documents are issued through the duration of the student’s program, but now they would have to go back and re-apply through USCIS for an extension. Twenty-five of SIUE’s graduate programs take more than two years to complete, about 40%, and 100% of undergraduate programs take more than two years. The Provost was contacted by the Illinois Assistant Attorney General and requested information.

f. Graduate School Announcements
   • None.

g. Other Announcements
   • None.

II. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2020

   • The Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. Public Comments
IV. Carnegie Committee Update

- Open forums were held virtually with about 80-100 people in attendance. The Provost attended these forums to help with questions. The survey went live last week and will be open until October 16, 2020. The group is going to meet to look at the data and begin to formulate their position and final letter. The goal is to have this completed within two weeks. By three weeks, the plan is to have the hard, final document completed. By the Graduate Council meeting on November 19, 2020, the document should be ready for discussion.

V. Report of the Programs Committee

a) Environmental Science Management – Interim Review
- Nic Guehlstorf represented the program. They have restructured their curriculum, their advisement process, and mentoring program to address concerns about supporting students needs. They have used grant funding for graduate assistantships and have added a new program faculty member to help track student progress. There are some success stories, but the program has a very small number of students, currently only 5, so it is possible that it will be flagged for review again.

b) Instructional Technology – Interim Review
- They have shifted faculty roles and have received support from their Chair and Dean to help improve faculty morale. The program is currently relying heavily on adjunct faculty. The program has pursued collaborative projects to increase interdisciplinary opportunities around campus. They are under a number of time and budgetary constraints, causing the program not to pursue accreditation due to time and expenses. Faculty roles have also been shifted to address advising deficiencies. This is also a small program that could possibly be flagged for review again.

- 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.

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

a) GR2021-04 – Tuition Waivers for Former Graduate Assistants – 4F1
- Regular review of policy. A couple of minor revisions were made to clarify wording.

b) GR2021-05 – Graduate Faculty Status
- Regular review of policy. Changes were made to the policy to reflect that the application process will now be housed in Kuali Build.

c) GR2021-06 – Participation of Emeritus Faculty in Graduate Education and Research
- Regular review of policy. A change was made to simplify the process of applying for Emeritus Graduate Faculty status. Other changes were made to clarify the policy.

d) GR2021-07 – Policy on Graduate Student Matriculation, Advisement, Instruction, Evaluation and Assistantships – 1L6
• Regular review of policy. Minor updates were made to the policy with input from Student Affairs, International and Graduate Admissions, and Provost’s office.

➢ 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.

VII. Continuing Business

• None.

VIII. New Business

• None.

IX. Adjournment

• The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.