GRADUATE COUNCIL
Faculty Senate
MINUTES
Thursday, May 6, 2021, 1:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Yuliang Liu, Chair, Kay Gaehle, Michael Shaw, Jennifer Zuercher, Heather Johnson, Michael Hair, Walter Siganga, Soondo Kweon, Liz Cali, Jerry Weinberg, Mary Weishaar, Jill Smucker, Susan Morgan, Elza Ibroscheva, Kim Lizotte

ABSENT: Brigid Aslin, Lindsy Perry

EXCUSED: Barbara McCracken, Christienne Hinz, Jayme Swanke

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Yuliang Liu, Chair.

I. Announcements
   a. Course Review Committee (CRC) Report – On Sharepoint
   b. Graduate Committee on Assessment (GCOA) Report – On Sharepoint
   c. Enrollment Management Report
      • None.
   d. Student Affairs Announcements
      • None.
   e. International Affairs Announcements
      • President Biden signed a proclamation banning travelers from India into the U.S., but this does not include international students. The students can come into the country on August 1, 2021. Homeland Security is going to continue relaxed rules for online/hybrid courses. Returning and continuing students will be able to keep online/hybrid courses for next year.
   f. Graduate School Announcements
      • The search has been completed for the Graduate School’s Compliance Specialist position and the Director of Award Management position has been posted.
   g. Other Announcements
      • The Graduate School Dean Evaluation Committee has finished the report and it has been sent forward.

II. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2021
   • The minutes were approved with no opposition.

III. Public Comments
   • None.

IV. Report of the Programs Committee
a) Form 91A: Business Administration
   - The department would like to create a concurrent program for completion of the MPH and MBA degrees. The combined program has the potential to increase retention and recruitment among current prospective students while strengthening their leadership and administration skills.

b) Form 91A: Instructional Technology
   - The department would like to eliminate the two current 18-credit hour post-baccalaureate certificates (PBCs) and replace them with three 9-credit hour PBCs. The proposed change is in line with the revised university policy that allows 9-credit hour PBCs to be offered. This change will better serve potential students by meeting market needs and creating flexibility.

   ➢ Michael Hair brought the above forward for Graduate Council approval. Mike Shaw motioned to approve items a & b; Heather Johnson seconded. The items were approved with no opposition.

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

a) GR2021-19 – Graduate Student Forgiveness Policy – Proposed 1L18
   - This is a new proposed policy. Policy 1F1 was updated to include language that students had to have a 3.0 within their graduate program, which was a manual calculation for the Registrar’s Office. The Registrar’s Office proposed having a separate forgiveness policy so they could exclude grades from GPA calculations. With the new policy, grades would show up on the transcript marked as excluded, and there would be no need for manual calculations. Several policies from other universities were looked at in the creation of this policy and multiple meetings were held. This policy incorporated everyone’s comments. The Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Dental Medicine all reviewed the policy and agreed that the professional degree programs should be exempt from this policy.

b) GR2021-20 – Graduation Requirements – 1F1
   - Changes were made only to the graduate portion of the policy (Part C) to reference and align with the newly created forgiveness policy and add clarifying language. Language was also added around substitution of program courses that aligns with the transfer credit policy. Input was received from the Registrar’s and Provost’s Offices.

c) GR2021-21 – Authorization of Contracts and Leases – 5B1
   - Changes were made to 5 and 6 in the policy. 1M13 was created and approved and it came to Susan Morgan’s attention that this policy needed to refer to Policy 1M13. Language was changed to make the policy clear and consistent and align the ORP portions with procedures and policies.

d) RPAB Nominee – Sue Chhay
   - Sue Chhay is running unopposed to represent the School of Dental Medicine on RPAB. The candidate was forwarded by ERP and Graduate Council voted to approve Dr Chhay as a new RPAB committee member.

   ➢ Yuliang Liu brought the above forward for Graduate Council approval. Mike Shaw motioned to approve items a-c and the RPAB nominee; Walter Siganga seconded. The items and RPAB nominee were approved with no opposition.
VI. Continuing Business

• None.

VII. New Business

• Dean Weinberg thanked the Committee Chairs and the Graduate Council for serving and for a productive year.

VIII. Adjournment

• The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.