Graduate Council

Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2017
220 Van Wormer Hall

Attendees: Arun Muthusamy, Angela Potochnik, Arnie Miller, Ashley Currier, ChengCheng Li, Chip Montrose, Fran Meyer, GA Rassati, Gary Dick, James Mack, Jeff Timberlake, Jiukuan Hao, Jun Ying, Kathleen Ballman, Missi Stec, Rebecca Williamson, Ron Debry, Steven Meyer, Suzanne Masterson

Staff: Lori Griffin

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<td><strong>Meeting Minutes</strong></td>
<td>The Council reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the September 2017 meeting.</td>
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| **The role of Graduate Council**       | • Chip Montrose reviewed the goals for members of Graduate Council. This is the first meeting of the academic year, and there are several new faces in the group.  
  - Be an effective and informed representative of your college (communicate)  
  - Review and vote on proposals for new programs  
  - Discuss and advise Grad School on policies | Discussion            |
| **Master of Music in Musicology – Name Change** | • Jonathan Kregor presented a brief history on the background of music history vs. musicology, which included a description of the natural evolution of music programs.  
  • The current students in the program will have the option of which degree they want to have on their transcript.  
  • There were no questions for Jonathan, and there was no discussion prior to the vote.  
  • Vote to APPROVE was unanimous. | Discussion and Motion |
| **MS in Athletic Training – Full Proposal** | • Tom Herrmann from the College of Allied Health Sciences presented the program.  
  • Tom explained that the program is a two year, six-semester experience, including clinicals.  
  • The new change in certification does not affect anyone who is already certified or licensed. The certification changes begin in 2022.  
  • UC expects a relatively smooth transition. Within the state, Xavier and YSU are the only ones who have | Discussion and Motion |
gone “live.” Xavier approved adding one year to their undergrad as their master’s degree.

- The following questions were asked by Council and answered by Tom Herrmann:
  
  **Q:** Is there curricular diversity across the state? Is UC’s proposed program a distinctive marker?  
  **A:** Tom commented that we are trying to position ourselves so we are attractive from all over the state. Doing that with curricular structure and capacity. Our 62 credit hour requirement is right in the middle.  
  **Q:** Will the state be able to house all of these programs in athletic training?  
  **A:** The smaller schools will end up abandoning it. If institutions are not geared toward graduate education, it will be much more difficult.

- After Tom Herrman departed, there was one last question. How will the program handle those who already have a bachelor’s degree and want to come back for a master’s? Chip will ask Tom to clarify in the proposal. Eventually those with a bachelor’s degree will not be as competitive.

- Vote to APPROVE was unanimous.

### MS Generalist Track (CON)

- MSN Generalist track presented by Denise Gormley and Eileen Werdman.
- The proposed program will benefit those who already have a bachelor’s or master’s degree and now want to move into nursing. Most students will come from a science background.
- This is an accelerated program designed to meet the demand for nurses. The program will allow students to finish a master’s in nursing in five semesters.
- Similar accelerated programs are not new to nursing. UC decided to make the change to help manage unofficial programs already in existence.
- It was suggested that CON remove specific qualifiers on the application. This will allow flexibility when reviewing/accepting.
- Chip will relay suggestions to be addressed prior to sending program to Academic Committee.
  1. Adjust admissions requirements so that there is future flexibility with holistic review of applicants.
  2. Add a sentence or two clarifying that you are “repealing” the prior accelerated program and “replacing” with this new program. This clarification will give some history, and should be added under the Evidence of Need section of the proposal.
  3. Consider changing the APMSN acronym. The “AP” portion could easily be mistaken for
| Advanced Practice. Council suggests AMSN of ACC-MSN.  
- Vote to APPROVE with amendments was unanimous. |

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| - Jun Ying from Public Health presented the proposed new track in Global Health.  
- UC is currently the only institution offering this degree in the state of Ohio. OSU only has certification, not a degree.  
- It was suggested that the program reach out to other colleges for support. There is a faculty member in A&S who focuses in Global Health Technologies. Might be very useful to include. Arnie Miller will share his name with Jun.  
- It was noted that the second group of courses (electives) seem to lack global health content. That concept is common in engineering. CEAS likes the flexibility to either focus or expand.  
- Chip will relay the program the concern regarding electives.  
- Vote to APPROVE was unanimous. |

| **Discussion and Motion** |

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<td>Chip will be sending a redline version of the Graduate Handbook for review by Graduate Council. There are both major and minor changes. Proposed changes will also be distributed to Associate Deans. This will be a major discussion item at the 10/24 meeting.</td>
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| - A university level policy is needed. We can be more flexible, but need to be consistent.  
- This will be a topic at the next meeting. Information will be distributed prior to the meeting. |

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<td>Grad School is looking at the option for a TOEFL equivalent. There are a number of alternative national tests that have oral and written components. The BOT rules specifically mention TOEFEL and IELTs scores, but the Grad School would like some latitude to accept other alternatives.</td>
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