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**Graduate Council**  
**Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 2:00pm. Community Room, UGL**

### **Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:** Attached\*

**II. Report of the Chair**

**III. Old Business**

- A. Graduate Directors Meeting – Policies and Procedures
- B. Graduate and Postdoctoral Symposium Wrap-Up

**IV. New Business**

- A. RCM Meeting
- B. Executive Committee Nominations
- C. Discontinuance of Graduate Certificate in Clinical Social Theory and Practice\*
- D. Discontinuance of Graduate Bridge Certificate in Online Teaching\*
- E. Discontinuance Graduate Bridge Certificate in Educational Technology\*
- F. Change to Existing Graduate Program: Doctor of Education\*
- G. Establishment of a Dual-Title in Urban Sustainability\*
- H. Adoption of the Dual-Title in Urban Sustainability in Biology\*

**V. Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Committee
- B. New Programs Committee
- C. Academic Standards Committee
- D. Graduate Admissions
- E. Graduate Council Academic Senate Liaisons
- F. Academic Senate

**VI. Adjournment**

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Graduate Council, held on April 18, 2018 at  
2:00 p.m., in the David Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room

Members Present: E. Ash, L. Beale, J. Beaudoin, M. Campbell, A. Cano, A. Cherry, C. Chow, S. Chung, H. Dillaway, P. Dubinsky, S. Firestine, F. Hopp, P. Johnson, L. Keashly, S. Ng, B. Pogodzinski, J. Pruchnic, L. Romano, J. Rothchild, M. Shekhar, C. Sokol, D. Walz, X. Zhang

Members Absent

With notice: A. Basu, N. Bhavnagri, M. Clark, J. Duchan, J. Ernst, S. Lean, P. Samuel, D. Schutte, C. Tan, E. Troffkin

Members Absent: S. Aboulhassan, P. Beavers, R. Benkert, N. Bhavnagri, A. Billings, K. Blakeney, L. Hazlett, H. Heng, T. Leff, P. Lucarotti, J. Smith-Darden, T. Stemmler, A. Vallerand

Others Present: C. Harting

The Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Dean Ambika Mathur.

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of February 21, 2018.

## II. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND OLD BUSINESS

### A. Report of the Chair

- Dean Ambika Mathur introduced Shantelle Cavin who is the new Outreach Specialist for the Graduate School. Ms. Cavin was in a similar position at the University of Michigan for ten years.
- Dean Mathur reports a change in the funding mechanisms which were discussed in the Graduate Director's meeting. There was an increase to the Dean's Diversity Fund (DDF) stipend to \$27,500 from \$20,000. Graduate School support will be for two years and then departments would match it for the next two years. This will be effective Fall 2018.
- Dr. Simon Ng asked what the definition of diversity is regarding the Dean's Diversity fund. Dean Mathur responded that the definition is department dependent. If there are any questions, they should be directed to Nikki Wright at the Office of Equal Opportunity.

- The process for Competitive GRAs includes nominations from the schools and colleges that are ranked at high, medium and low priority. The awards given out this year included 25 high priority nominations and 21 from the medium priority for a total of 46 awards.
  - Rumbles are currently fellowships which causes the student awardee to lose employee status and in some programs they are below the level of salaries in the school/college. The Rumbles will now be funded in two different ways, fellowship or GRA, at the discretion of the department. The amount of the Rumble stipends will be increasing from \$16,000 to \$20,000 per year effective Fall 2018.
- B. Responsible Conduct of Research Course
- Dean Mathur reported that the feedback from the fourth RCR course reflected positively on the changes made to address the needs of the various disciplines.
  - Next course is being offered on September 29, 2018.
- C. Graduate Directors Meeting – Policies and Procedures
- Dean Mathur reports that the new graduate bulletin will be in effect for all 2018 with a lot of the language changed to align with the new policies and processes. The fees process was verified, and all the changes of the last three years were added.
- D. Graduate and Postdoctoral Symposium Wrap-Up
- Dean Mathur reports that the symposium was very successful. The winner of the 3 Minute Thesis was not able to attend the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools. The runner up represented Wayne State University and did well. The panel of alumni at this year's symposium was very well received by all students. It will be back on the schedule for 2019.
  - Concern was raised over the judging of the posters when the judge is unfamiliar with the field. This aspect is an important part of the symposium to increase the inter disciplinary reach. If a judge is uncomfortable they are instructed to communicate it to the appropriate parties, so it can be addressed.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. RCM Meeting

- Dr. Romano reports the town hall was not very informative. The details are unknown as to how they will redistribute the money (subvention) and change the budgets.
- Undergraduate tuition and financial aid will be totaled and then divided with that amount being subtracted from the tuition that is generated. It will be spread across the undergraduate populations. Graduate financial aid will not be done that way as it will come out of the college budget. Colleges will have to supply financial aid. It is still unclear what that will mean for GRAs and scholarships.

- It was reported that the information was on such the generic level and without any kind of specific information in regards to the Graduate School.
- B. Executive Committee Nominations
- There are 5 spots that need to be filled on the committee as it is changed every year. Nominations of the Executive Committee began with a nomination and second for Sharon Lean.
  - Dr. Faith Hopp nominated herself.
  - Dean Mathur instructed other nominations to be directed to Cindy Sokol via email.
- C. Discontinuance of Graduate Certificate in Clinical Social Theory and Practice
- No students had ever graduated from this program and no students are currently enrolled.
  - MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to discontinue the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Social Work Theory and Practice.
- D. Discontinuance of Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching
- This certificate was recommended to end in Fall 2018. The program has no enrolled students and only one student has been awarded the certificate.
  - There is still opportunity for students to earn the regular certificate though it seems to be less students completing it every semester.
  - MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to discontinue the Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching.
- E. Discontinuance of Graduate Bridge Certificate in Educational Technology
- This certificate was recommended to end in Fall 2018. The program has no enrolled students and only one student has been awarded the certificate.
  - The representative from the Learning Design Technology was in attendance to answer any questions about the discontinuance.
  - MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to discontinue the Graduate Bridge Certificate in Educational Technology.
- F. Change to Existing Graduate Program: Doctor of Education
- The recommendation was that the Graduate School approve the reduction from the minimum of 90 credit hours to 75 credit hours for the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies to be effective Fall 2018.
  - Carla Harting reports that students call and ask about the credit hours and decide to go elsewhere to complete the program with less credit hours. The drop-in credits will be taken from courses that are not directly related to the program and electives.
  - MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to revise the Graduate Program Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.
- G. Establishment of a Dual-Title in Urban Sustainability
- The Establishment and adoption of the Dual Title had to happen at the same time but requires two separate votes.

- Representatives from both Urban Sustainability and Biology were in attendance to answer questions.
  - It was reported that the departments that the dual title will possibly be in areas of Anthropology, Economics, Engineering, Communication and Pharmacology.
  - The dual title is coming out of an NSF grant to increase interdisciplinary training.
  - MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to establish a Dual Title in Urban Sustainability.
- H. Adoption of the Dual-Title in Urban Sustainability in Biology
- MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the Dual Title in Urban Sustainability in Biology.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### A. Executive Committee

- It was reported that the committee set the agenda for the Graduate Council meeting and spoke of policy related issues.
- The Responsible Conduct of Research Class's (GS 0900) purpose is to meet the higher learning commission's integrity requirements. Increasing the variety of the instructors and fields makes the course more appealing and relevant to students.
- There are four components to the training. First, there is an online tutorial that has to be completed before the class. Second, there is the all day Saturday class which is offered in both fall and winter. Third, there is a departmental component such as a research course or online module. Fourth, an essay has to be written about the experience of RCR.
- Anyone who is interested in volunteering to be a part of the course should contact Dean Mathur.
- The Graduate Directors orientation will be likely in late August.

##### B. New Programs Committee

- Associate Dean Annmarie Cano reported there are five new programs that are close to the approval of Graduate Council including AGRADE in the Bachelor of Science and Public Health to the Masters of Public Health, Anthropology Adoption of a dual title, Master in Library and Information Science, Masters in Information Management and Revisions to French programs. There is hope of an email vote in late April.

##### C. Academic Standards Committee

- Nothing to Report.

##### D. Graduate Admissions

- Dean Mathur reported that enrollment is still in a holding pattern dropping again in Winter, Spring/Summer and Fall. Faculty recruitment is the best way of getting in at the graduate level.

E. Academic Senate

- Dr. Lou Romano reports that the budget hearings have ended in the colleges and units have been presented. No decisions have been made at the time but there is likely to be small cuts based on enrollment.
- The Board of Governors has funded the Hilberry Gateway Project which is \$65 million is all funded by about \$55 million in bonds and \$10 million in development.
- Dr. Romano reports the presidential symposiums are ongoing.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sokol

Manager of the Graduate Council