

Graduate Council Minutes

Friday, September 8, 2017

Attendance: Emilia Alonso-Sameno, Tim Anderson, Steve Bergmeier, Gordon Brooks, Geoffrey Dabelko, Sonsoles DeLaCalle, Travis Gatling, Pete Harrington, Jennifer Horner, Wojciech Jadwisienczak, Chulho Jung, David Koonce, Brian McCarthy, Maria Modayil, Greg Newton, Ann Paulins, Andrew Ray, Joseph Shields, and Jennifer Smith

Excused: Terry Cluse-Tolar, Lorna Jean Edmonds, Charlotte Elster, Alexandra Hibbitt, Janet Hulm, Chris Moberg, Shawn Ostermann, Erik Ramsey, Gaurav Sinha, Scott Smith, and Katherine Tadlock

Convened: The meeting was convened at 3:07 pm.

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2017 meeting

The minutes of the April 21, 2017 meeting were approved.

2. Chair's Report: Steve Bergmeier

Steve welcomed everyone and said that multiple programs reviews will be discussed later in the meeting.

3. Remarks by Dean of the Graduate College: Joe Shields

Joe introduced Becky Bushey-Miller and Andrew Ray, new staff members in the Graduate College.

4. Remarks by Associate Dean of the Graduate College: David Koonce

David informed members that application numbers look good in a macro sense.

The Headcount Projections for Fall 2017 are on track for a record semester. The numbers are as follows:

- Unique PID in Fall Enrollments as of 2:00 PM on 9/8/17 are: 5,261
- This is up 142 from a year ago this time. Fall 2016 IR Census Report was: 5,119
- Last year Final Fall head count was: 5186 (+67).
- David mentioned that online graduate students passed Athens campus graduate student numbers last year

Chancellor's Council of Graduate Study (CCGS) Update

- The Masters in Law, Justice and Culture Program Development Plan (PDP) was reviewed.
- The Master of Business Analytics PDP was reviewed.
- An E-Vote will occur for the Master of Science in Athletic Training.
- New guidelines are out.

- University of Toledo is planning for workshop on PSM (Professional Science Master's) in March/April. This hybrid degree would blend professional skills with STEM. If you are interested in more information, please let David know.

Applications finished the year (September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017) at 7021. This is up 70 from last year and is tracking normally. The previous years are as follows:

- 2016 – 6949
- 2015 – 6471
- 2014 – 7199
- 2013 – 7001
- David reviewed when subsets of the overall applicant pool apply. In overview, international applicants apply most often for fall admission, as do domestic applicants. E-learning applications vary. Summer applications are trending lower than in the past.
- In addition, David outlined admitted versus denied applicants by domestic, international and e-learning subsets and shared admission rates over time using the same subsets (international, domestic, and e-learning applicants).

The new application will go live on September 14, 2017. This application includes a question about parents' highest education earned. Please contact Jen Van Nostran at vannostj@ohio.edu with names of new graduate chairs and/or for training regarding the application.

The Online Graduate Appointments (OGA) process will be impacted by the new chart of accounts (COA).

For Oracle Business Intelligence (OBI) assistance, Jen Van Nostran can assist with building reports to help manage the application review process. Contact her for more information or help (vannostj@ohio.edu)

One topic for Graduate Council review is the TA/GA Delineation. The questions that the Graduate College needs clarity and guidance on are:

- What is a TA?
- Is our definition aligned with Ohio Revised Code?
- Does the SPEAK test address English proficiency?

Policy and Regulations subcommittee agreed to add this to their agenda.

Becky updated the council on a successful Graduate Student Orientation and upcoming plans to assess graduate student professional development needs, including those of first-generation graduate students.

5. Bridge Committee discussion led by Tim Anderson

a. Programs Committee

Jennifer Horner said the last Programs Committee meeting was interesting, but there are not minutes. The Programs Committee is revamping how things are being done and have developed draft guidelines. This includes that the Program Committee will review all programs before they are taken to UCC for approval. In addition, Jennifer Horner provided the following webpage where forms for new programs are available:

<https://www.ohio.edu/facultysenate/committees/ucc/programs.cfm>

b. The Program Review Committee will need to review and respond to the UCC Bridge Committee. There are three programs to review. Steve Bergmeier asked that everyone read and review materials for next meeting and be prepared to provide comment at the end of the next meeting. The three programs are:

- i. Human and Consumer Sciences
- ii. Linguistics
- iii. Film

6. Old Business

Graduate Faculty status—Steve Bergmeier spoke with Joe McLaughlin, but needs to follow-up with him and will do that before the next meeting.

Credit overlap—Jennifer Horner asked if the council wants to tackle the overlapping credits issue. Some questions include: Is there a philosophical issue and/or administrative issue? Some certificate programs overlap significantly with graduate programs. Should we discuss this? How do stackable certificates fit into this? In a related issue, in PeopleSoft, one can waive or add requirements. All graduate certificates are structured, courses can substituted. Are there rules about what can be substituted? Is that left to the colleges? What does earning a certificate mean? Does OU need a specific philosophy about graduate certificates? What does earning a certificate mean? Does an audit/assessment/survey need to be done to see what is happening at OU?

The Curriculum Committee agreed to review the credit overlap issue while keeping two overarching questions in mind:

1. What is the broad philosophical stance?
2. How tightly should a graduate certificate be defined?

7. New Business

No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.