

4. Proposal to Create Master of Science in Clinical Investigation in the School of Medicine

The Master of Science in Clinical Investigation in the School of Medicine will prepare trainees in research methods for independent investigation, primarily targeting junior faculty, fellows and residents, as well as clinical doctoral students in areas such as Nursing, Physical Therapy and Pharmacy.

Two tracks will be offered: one track emphasizing the inherited basis of human disease, mechanism-oriented clinical research, and bench-to-bedside translational research, and a second track emphasizing epidemiology, health services and bedside-to-community translational research.

The MS in Clinical Investigation, supported by the NIH K-Award program, addresses a nationwide increasing need for investigators. Additionally, funding agencies have an increasing expectation of the training standards of candidates for research awards.

The degree will be awarded by the School of Medicine. Faculty will be drawn from School of Medicine and College of Health. Classes will come from existing courses, in addition to creating new courses to fulfill the goal of the degree. The program will be administered by an Executive Oversight Committee.

Discussion among the Council included the request that further consolidation of existing courses be examined, in order to minimize the need to create new courses. The Council also requests that the proposal includes a contingency plan for funding and degree sustainability in the event that the K Award is not renewed.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal to create a Master of Science in Clinical Investigation in the School of Medicine as amended.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Action: Inform the School of Medicine of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal to create a Master of Science in Clinical Investigation. The amended proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

5. Proposal to Create a Master of Arts with emphasis in World Languages in the College of Humanities and the College of Education

The Master of Arts with emphasis in World Languages addresses a significant shortage of licensed educators, particularly in the area of languages such as Arabic and Chinese, in current demand. It is expected that students will consist of those seeking careers in language education, as well as teachers within the Utah schools seeking advanced skills.

The degree capitalizes on Utah's unique strengths in foreign language proficiency to improve and increase foreign language programs in the public schools.

ACTION TAKEN:

- Motion:** Approve the proposal to create a Master of Arts with emphasis in World Languages degree
- Vote:** Approved unanimously
- Action:** Inform the College of Humanities and College of Education of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the Master of Arts with emphasis in World Languages degree. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

6. Review of the Department of Physiology

Kevin Rathunde, Ad Hoc Committee Chair, presented the report for the Department of Physiology.

In reviewing the recommendations, the Council asked that recommendation number four include increasing number of graduate students consistent with current capacity as a method of enhancing the Physiology Graduate Program, and increasing efficiency to utilize current capacity. Refining funding requests should also be included, to ensure that funding parameters cover department needs.

ACTION TAKEN:

- Motion:** Approve the review as amended
- Vote:** Approved unanimously
- Action:** The report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Health Sciences; Chair of the Department of Physiology, Dean of the School of Medicine, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the wrap-up meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate