Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRIED BY: David Kieda  TIME: 3:00 pm

DATE: October 29, 2018  PLACE: Crocker Science Center, RM 25

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: James Agutter, Arul Mishra, Robert Zheng, Douglas Christensen, Satu Hummasti, Robert Kraemer, Jonah Schupbach, Melissa Bernstein, Tallie Casucci, Anthea Letsou, Jeffrey Moore, Christopher Reilly, David Blair, Joanna Bettmann Schaefer, Rebecca Hardenbrook, Whitney Louder

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Darling, David Kieda, Katharine Ullman

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Rena D’Souza, Kristin Cloyes, Wade Cole, Devon Cantwell

AGENDA

1. Welcome
   David Kieda of The Graduate School welcomed the Graduate Council.

2. Proposal: Health Promotion & Education and Kinesiology Consolidation
   Tim Bruseeau of Kinesiology presented the Health Promotion & Education and Kinesiology Consolidation proposal to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Professor Bruseeau.

   Vote: approve with amendments; unanimous
   Abstained: 
   Comments: The Council reiterated the Undergraduate Council’s request that explicit learning outcomes assessment, results of faculty vote, and curricula maps be added to the proposal. In addition, the Council requested further explication of the transition procedure for current students affected by the consolidation.

3. Proposal: MS in Recreational Therapy
   Sandra Negely and Lorie Richards of Occupational & Recreational Therapies presented the MS in Recreational Therapy proposal to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Professors Negely and Richards.

   Vote: approve with amendments; unanimous
   Abstained: 
   Comments: The Council requested a Letter of Support from the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Program that would include the concomitant plan to discontinue an MS emphasis in Recreational Therapy. Additionally, the Council requested more specific language regarding College faculty vote on the proposal be added.

3. Proposal: Permanent Center Status for Sorenson Impact Center
   Jeramy Lund and Paul Brown of Business presented the Permanent Center Status for Sorenson Impact Center proposal to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Professors Lund and Brown.

   Vote: approve with amendments; unanimous
Abstained:
Comments: The Council requested written narrative language addressing the adequacy of the funding model, including narrative regarding the historical funding variability. The Council requested a written description of the Center’s plans for inclusion of faculty across campus in the Center’s research and broader activities. The Council also requested a concise articulation of the relationship between the teaching aspects of the Center and the formal coursework and degree programs which are administratively housed in the David Eccles School of Business.

4. **Review: Anthropology Department**
   James Agutter of Architecture & Planning presented the Anthropology Department Review to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Professor Agutter.

   Vote: approve with amendments; unanimous
   Abstained:
   Comments: The Council requested the reviewers add specific language regarding research productivity to the review.

5. **Discussion: Thesis Review Process & Manuscript Submission**
   David Kieda of The Graduate School updated the Graduate Council regarding the process the Thesis Office has made on finalizing graduation for those students not graduated in Summer 2018 due to Thesis Office overflow. Dean Kieda also detailed the plans The Graduate School has for streamlining the Thesis Office process.

6. **Notice: Program Review Portal**
   Katharine Ullman of The Graduate School informed the Graduate Council of a new online tool located at [https://gradschool.utah.edu/7070-2](https://gradschool.utah.edu/7070-2). This website contains the most recent Departmental Program Reviews, including Graduate Council recommendations & commendations, OBIA informational graphs, and the Memorandum of Understanding.

Time of Adjournment 4:45pm.
Next Graduate Council meeting will be held Monday, November 26, 2018.