

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAired BY: David Kieda

TIME: 3:00 pm

DATE: November 26, 2018

PLACE: Winder Boardroom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthea Letsou, Melissa Bernstein, David Blair, Jeffrey Moore, Tallie Casucci, Jonah Schupbach, Devon Cantwell, Arul Mishra, Wade Cole, Rebecca Hardenbrook, Doug Christensen, Robert Kraemer, Robert Zheng, Joanna Bettmann Schaefer

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

EXCUSED MEMBERS: James Agutter, Rena D'Souza, Satu Hummasti, Kristin Cloyes, Christopher Reilly, Whitney Louder

AGENDA

1. Welcome

David Kieda of The Graduate School welcomed the Graduate Council.

2. Proposal: Master of Business Creation

Mark Parker, Todd Zenger, & Troy D'Ambrosio of the School of Business presented the Master of Business Creation proposal to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Professors Parker, Zenger, & D'Ambrosio.

Vote: approve, unanimous

Abstained:

Comments:

3. Review: Oncological Science Department

Rena D'Souza of Dentistry presented the Oncological Science Department Review to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Professor D'Souza.

Vote:

Abstained:

Comments: Due to technology difficulties and revisions proposed to the Review, the Council opted to hold an approval vote for the Oncological Sciences Department by email.

4. Review: Special Education Department

Anthea Letsou of Medicine presented the Special Education Department Review to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Professor Letsou.

Vote: approve with amendments, unanimous

Abstained:

Comments: The Council encouraged the reviewers to specify the ideal outcomes for the department. Further amendments concerned changing the language to reflect greater objectivity on the part of the reviewers.

5. Information Item: Population Health Sciences 3-Year Review

Dave Kieda of the Graduate School informed the Graduate School that the Population Health Sciences would be submitted to the Board of Regents.

6. Discussion Item: Program Review Guidelines

The Graduate Council discussed addition of language to the Program Review guidelines that would allow for career-line faculty to serve as internal reviewers. The text suggested was: Experienced career-line faculty members may also serve as reviewers when their perspective is thought to be particularly valuable for the department under review. Graduate Council members were uniformly in favor of such an addition. This was envisioned to allow participation of career-line faculty but not make it the norm, and thus it is expected that there would not be more than one career-line faculty member on any one committee.

It was also brought to Graduate Council members' attention that language will be added to the review guidelines to prompt explicit assessment of the effectiveness of online coursework and programs, since this is becoming a common and sometime major part of students' coursework.

Time of Adjournment 5:00 pm.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held Monday, January 28, 2019.