**TakYOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**College of Graduate Studies – Graduate Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

**TEAMS Meeting – 4:00 pm**

**Present**: Valerie O’Dell, Chair, Patrick J. Bateman, Christopher Bellas, Lauren Cummins, Kendra Fowler, Sherri Lovelace-Cameron, Christine McCullough, Tomi Ovaska, Jake Protivnak, Dolores Sisco,

Virgil Solomon, Sal Sanders, Angie Urmson Jeffries, Linda Hulburt-Blosser

**Student Representatives**:  Chanda Weigel

**Excused:**Ewelina Boczkowska, Stephanie Profera,

Once a quorum had been met, the meeting was called to order.

1. The motion for approval October 28, 2020 meeting minutes.

The Minutes of the October 28, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

1. Graduate Faculty
   1. STEM
      1. AKM Anwarul Islam, Civil/Environmental & Chemical Engineering

A motion was made to approve the STEM faculty application for the Category 1 membership. The application was reviewed and recommended by the College Graduate Studies Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

* 1. BCLASSE
     1. Don Martin, Psychological Sciences and Counseling
     2. Charles Vergon, Teacher Education and Leadership Studies

A motion to approve the BCLASSE faculty applications for the Category 1 membership. The applications were reviewed and recommended by the College Graduate Studies Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

* 1. BCHHS
     1. Rachael Pohl-Krauza, Health Professions

A motion was made to approve the BCHHS faculty application for the

Category 1 membership. The application was reviewed and recommended by the College Graduate Studies Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Committee Reports
   1. Admission and Appeals Committee Chair: Dolores Sisco

Nothing to Report

* 1. Graduate Curriculum Chair: Virgil Solomon

There are no Curriculum items to be reviewed the month.

Exceptions Chair: Sal Sanders

The committee members unanimously agreed to grant an exception to permit transfer of additional hours to fulfill the requirements of the PhD in Health Sciences degree.

The committee members determined that given the number of credits this applicant had completed toward a Ph.D. degree an exception was warranted. The committee members further recommended that no dissertation credits be transferred to fulfill degree requirements, since the research component is such a critical component of this degree.

The committee members unanimously agreed that 18sh of transfer credit could be applied to the Ph.D. degree program requirements and have further agreed to permit an additional 6sh be applied with appropriate written justification by Dr. Learman to the committee. This exception would allow for a total of up to 24sh of transfer credit to fulfill the Ph.D. in Health Sciences degree requirements.

Graduate Council Exceptions Committee members unanimously granted a request to temporarily make the GRE requirement optional for applicants to the MS in Ed. in Intervention Services. This exception requested by Dr. VanVoorhis will be effective for applicants applying through the spring 2021 term.

  Grievance Chair: Christopher Bellas

Nothing to Report

* 1. GSAC: Stephanie Profera and Chanda Weigel

Nothing to Report  
  
4. Academic Standards Policy – Sal Sanders

A graduate program may utilize additional academic standards to determine satisfactory academic progress and/or standards for academic suspension; however such standards must be distributed in writing to all graduate students in the program and must be filed and approved by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. …. Graduate Academic Policy Book

Sal is asking the Graduate Council Members and the Program Directors to review the language of each program to be sure they are in compliance. Some programs may have a higher standards and the students need to be informed. He has requested a file copy of the academic standards to be sent to him.

1. Dean Sanders’s Comments

In September 2019, the Assistantship Allocation committee was deactivated as it could not provide a practical guideline for making decisions for the allocations of assistantships. With the reorganization of academic colleges, do we want to consider forming an ad hoc committee to review the changes in Graduate Assistant allocation?

He is also asking volunteers from the Graduate Council Members and Graduate Student Advisory members to serve on this committee. Sal would also like to discuss this with the deans of the other colleges to get their feedback.

The following members indicated an interest in serving of this committee: Virgil Solomon, Jake Protivnak, Tomi Ovaska, and Chris McCullough. If anyone additional is interested, contact Sal Sanders directly.

Following a very successful meeting, and with no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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