UMGSB GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
Thursday, April 7 2016
Led by: UMB
Teleconference

Welcome

Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on March 3, 2016
  • A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and
carried unanimously.

Announcements/plans/issues UMBC
  • UMBC is gearing up for Middle states in May and October
  • Dr. Rutledge was elected as chair elect for the GRE board. The appointment will start in
  September 2017.
  • UMBC invited to join CIRTL Network, which is a network of research universities that
	focus on developing the next group of university of STEM faculty.

Announcements/plans/issues UMB
  • UMB just completed Middle states site visit, received no recommendations, and was
given five suggestions.
  • There will be a scheduled PROMISE site visit in the next few weeks.
  • Strategic Partnership – working with UMBC and College Park about structure of
    graduate school (conversation will start soon).
  • 3-Minute Thesis – a quad campus event with Hopkins, College Park, UMBC, and UMB
    will take place on Thursday, May 5. The tentative timeframe is between noon and 2 pm.
    Details will be finalized by Friday, April 8.

GSA Reports

UMBC
  • The GRC was held on March 3 and attendance was high. The 3-minute thesis
    competition was successful. President Hrabowski and Provost Rous attended. The main
    event--which was the 3-minute thesis--proved to be effective in getting participants to
    stay through lunch.
  • The GRC is currently hosting various activities for Graduate Student Week (4/4 – 4/8).
  • Elections were held and 4 out of 5 positions were elected.
GSA awards will be distributed during the first week of May and a graduate student survey will be distributed.

UMB

- A successful GRC was held in March. The finalist for the 3-minute thesis gave presentations.
- The candidacy ceremony will take place on April 21 and hooding ceremony on May 19.

Committee Reports

Program Review

- Mathematics and Statistics – Dr. Rouben Rostamian, Dr. Kathleen Hoffman, and Dr. Animikh Biswas
  - The department review took place three years ago and received positive comments and accolades. A few critical remarks/changes are ongoing and one major item—lack of departmental bylaws—came to fruition in February. Right now, the department is in the process of enacting the policies in the bylaws. There are new processes that require change in directions. The department has decided to forgo the establishing an associate chair and will not pursue another administrative position.

Committee Recommendation

The Graduate Council’s PRC notes that the external review appears to have been conducted thoroughly and fairly within the context of the MATH and STAT graduate programs. The Department has accepted or adequately addressed most of the relevant suggestions by the external reviewers. The Department has rejected the external reviewers’ suggestion to eliminate the practice of “compelling advanced students to continue taking regular courses”. The Graduate Council is unwilling to endorse this decision without further justification from the Department, and has provided suggestions for additional information that could help with that justification.

- CBEE – Dr. Brian Reed – Dr. Reed presented a written update for the CBEE Action Plan.

Committee Recommendation:

Although there was a lack of CENG and ENEG graduate-specific issues in the Three-Year Review of CBEE, the relevant information was provided by Dr. Reed at the 4.7.16 Graduate Council meeting. The Graduate Council was impressed with the tremendous
progress in CBEE graduate programs, and applauds the advances being implemented by Dr. Reed and his colleagues at the time of this Three-Year review.

**Graduate Faculty**

The following was recommended by the committee and approved by the Graduate Council.

- UMBC - Pengwong Zhai, Physics Department – Regular
- UMB - Norann A. Zaghoul, Medicine/Division EDN - Regular

**New Courses**

The following new courses were recommended for approval:

- UMBC
  - HIST 625 (3) History of American Capitalism
  - LLC 651 (3) Discourse and Conversation Analysis

The following changes to existing courses were recommended for approval:

- UMB
  - NURS 691 (3) Organizational Theories: Application to Healthcare Management

**Long Range Planning and New Programs**

- *Discussion – Master of Science in Health Sciences – Dr. MJ Bondy*
  - The modified MSHS program is designed for students with related work experience in healthcare, governmental, private, and non-for-profit organizations. The proposed changes to MSHS program emphasize concepts, practices and skills that professionals need to be effective in a wide range of organizations. The modified MSHS program will prepare students to achieve the UMB graduate school competencies while specializing in areas of professional interest and experience.

  The committee will further review the proposal and prepare a written recommendation during the May Graduate Council meeting.

**Old Business**

N/A

**New Business**

N/A

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 5, 2016