**UMGSB GRADUATE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Teleconference Led by: UMBC

**In Attendance:** Animikh Biswas, Erin Golembewski, Jeff Halverson, Nancy Miller, Lisa Morgan, Steve Pitts, Roy Prouty, Janet Rutledge, Charlotte Bright

# Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting Held on April 4, 2019

* A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented with the addition of UMB attendance. The motion was properly moved, seconded, and carried unanimously.

# Announcements/Plans/Issues

* UMB – No Announcements
* The MPS in Bio-Technology is moving to Shady Grove and the Data Science program will be offered at UMBC AND Shady Grove.

# GSA Reports

* **UMB** - Planning for graduation and GSA is planning a centennial celebration. A “Bake Your Thesis” competition was held and first and second place prizes were given out. About 50 people attended.
* **UMBC** (Roy Prouty) – GSA is in the process of selecting senators. Elections were held and Alex Rittle was elected as the next GSA president. However, the group did not have a quorum so the vote will happen during the next meeting. The Annual GSA Awards Ceremony is scheduled for May 9 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

# Committee Reports

* **Long Range Planning and New Programs**
  + UMB Proposal for MS in Cannabis Science & Therapeutics Program – The committee recommended approval of this program. However, after some discussion it was agreed that the program would receive conditional approval until courses have been presented and approved. Dr. Golembewski will send courses via email to the New Courses Committee for review and approval by June 1st and a vote will be conducted via Google Survey.
  + MOU School of Medicine (MD) and Graduate School (MS CMBS) – The committee recommended approval of this initiative. However, it was discovered that this program did not need to come to Grad Council.
  + PBC Applied Social Research Methods – The following was offered in response to questions presented by the committee: The course frequency of once per year is enough for completing the certificate in one year and depends on the pacing of the students. There is flexibility in course selection in that a student could take 2 courses and take 600. In addition, there are three different electives. For year one, looking to have 10 to 15 new students. The committee recommended approval of this PBC. A motion was made to accept the committee’s recommendation. The motion was approved, and all were in favor.
* **New Courses**

The committee recommended to accept the following courses with revisions. The revisions do not need to come back to Grad Council. Dr. Golembewski will review and move forward.

UMB

* PALC 617 Advanced Team-Based Palliative Care (3)
* INNO 600 Foundations in Health and Social Innovation (3)
* INNO 602 Methods in Innovation (3)
* INCL 632 Historical Exploration of Race (3)

UMBC – No Submissions

* **Graduate Faculty**

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

UMB

* REGULAR – Vincent M. Bruno (Microbiology & Immunology), Bogdan Stoica (Anesthesiology), Pan Zheng (Dept. of Surgery, Institute of Human Virology), Yang Liu (Dept. of Surgery, Institute of Human Virology)
* SPECIAL 5 – Barbara Head

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* REGULAR – Jianwu Wang (Information Systems), Zoe McLaren (School of Public Policy)
* SPECIAL 1 – Gerald Tompkins (CSEE)
* **Program Review Committee**

Instructional Systems Development (ISD) Program Three-Year Review -- Based on the three-year report, the progress and noted future directions that align with the recommendations from the March 2014 external review. The Program Review Committee recommend approval of the ISD review.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation. The motion was approved, and all were in favor.

# Old Business

* 2014 Academic Program Review for Math & Stats – The following summary statement was presented for consideration by the Grad Council:

The Graduate Council reiterates that the original program review was conducted properly and thoroughly. The Math/Stat Department has been responsive to requests for additional information. The Graduate Council acknowledges that the faculty in the Math/Stat Department has authority over the program requirements and GA course registration policies provided that they are within the guidelines of the University of Maryland Graduate School, Baltimore. However, the Graduate Council strongly encourages the Department to reconsider the recommendation of the External Reviewers that “The practice of compelling students to take regular courses, independent of the relevance to their thesis areas, even after completing all PhD qualifying requirements, should be discontinued.”

This summary along with the committee’s original reports from March 29, 2016, April 8, 2016, and May 2, 2019, and UMB’s statement will be presented to the Faculty Senate to show the Graduate Council’s process over the last 3 years.

A motion was made to approve the packet presented. The motion was seconded and passed with one member abstaining.

* UMBC Courses Tabled from March 7 Meeting
  + The following courses were recommended for Approval
    - GRAD 605: AmeriCorps Serv-Learn I (3)
    - ENMG 681: Acquisition & Execution of Technical Contracts (3)
    - PUBL 634: Data, Ethics and Governance

ENGL 600: Rhetoric Theory & Analysis (3) – Revise and Resubmit

# New Business

* N/A

Adjourn

Next Meeting

September 12, 2019