UMGSB GRADUATE COUNCIL

Thursday, April 6, 2023
Zoom Meeting Hosted by
UMB
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

MINUTES

In Attendance: Sebastian Deffner, Jeffrey Halverson, Erin Golembewski, Minji Kyoung, Katherin Schlegel, Janet Rutledge, Michelle Star-Gaiano, Jennifer Maher, Bethany Lee, Andy Miller, Kelly Westlake, Ethan Post, Adam Bargteil, Danya Qato, Lisa Morgan, John Basile, Niya Werts, Nikita Aggarwal, Jenny Owens, Steve Pitts, Matthew Gottlieb, Jo Boughman

1. Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on March 2, 2023: minutes were approved.

2. Announcements/plans/issues UMB:
   ○ UMB continues its search to fill several dean positions throughout the school.
   ○ HR distributed a staff satisfaction survey that was completed during the fall and analyzed recently. The results will be out for discussion in the next few months.

3. Announcements/plans/issues UMBC:
   ○ The MORE Program to be held on March 31 was postponed and will be rescheduled for the Fall.
   ○ The Presidential Installation Ceremony for Valerie Sheares Ashby will be held on April 27, 2023. There will be an open luncheon for graduate students earlier that week to celebrate their many contributions to the UMBC community.

4. GSA Reports
   ○ UMB
     ■ The Graduate Research Conference was held on March 31, 2023, and had over 250 attendees. Students from various schools across UMB presented their work with well over 100 abstracts at the conference this year.
     ■ There will be a Spring Social on May 4 with another in late May or early June.
     ■ The Muslim Students and Scholars Association is organizing Ramadan dinners on Mondays and Wednesdays.
     ■ Regarding health insurance, fertility services have been expanded and there are negotiations in the works to improve dental, vision coverage and student health insurance.
     ■ Student executive board nominations are being accepted for next year’s GSA positions.
   ○ UMBC
     ■ The 2023 Grad Student Appreciation Week was held from Monday, April 3 through Friday, April 7.
     ■ The Graduate Assistant Advisory Council (GAAC) Town Hall with the Deans was held on April 5, 2023. Dean Rutledge was in attendance.
     ■ The GSA 2023 Elections were held to select next year’s Executive Council members.
     ■ Graduate Experiences, Achievements, and Research Symposium (GEARS) will hold the 3 Minute Thesis and Gritty Talks on April 19, 2023.

5. Committee Reports
   ○ Program Review
     ■ No new items
   ○ Long Range Planning and New Programs – Approved
UMBC Community Leadership Master’s in Professional Studies
- This proposal is a request to change the required courses for the degree.
  The Master’s in Professional Studies in Community Leadership currently has five required courses, but two of them are outside of the program and are not well-aligned with the other core courses.

New Courses

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<td>Resubmit - ENMG 667 – DE/I Mindset in Technical Project Management</td>
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<td>EHS 623 – Public Health Emergency Preparedness</td>
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<td>CLDR 701 – Community Leadership Independent Study</td>
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<td>CHEM 603 – Intro to Chemistry-Biology Interface</td>
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<td>PALC 618 – Critical Appraisal of Evidence</td>
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6. Graduate Faculty

UMBC
- Diehl, Christin - Erickson School of Aging Studies
  - Approved - Non-Member to Special (1 Year)
- Kalfoglou, Andrea - Public Health
  - Approved - Associate to Regular
- Koirala, Deepak - Chemistry and Biochemistry
  - Approved - Associate to Regular
- Padmanabhan, Achuth - Biological Sciences
  - Approved - Associate to Regular

UMB
- Gray, Vicki - Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science
  - Approved – Associate to Regular
- Odessa, Addison - Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science
  - Approved - Associate to Regular
- Wolff, Steffen – Pharmacology
  - Approved - Associate to Regular

7. Old Business

Information gathering on motion to dissolve the Graduate Council effective May 2024 that was introduced and tabled at the March 2023 meeting.
Guest speaker Dr. Joann Boughman, former USM Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and current special advisor to the Chancellor, attended the meeting to share information about the historical context of the joint University of Maryland Graduate School, Baltimore (UMGSB) and Graduate Council from her role in the Chancellor's Office and as a former Dean of the UMGSB. She engaged in discussion about the current and future role of the UMGSB and Graduate Council for our two universities and within USM more broadly.

Motion tabled for further discussion.

8. **New Business**
   - Erin Golembewski proposed creating a task force to examine the overall benefits of the Graduate Council as well as any tension points and possible solutions.

**Next Meeting:**

*May 4, 2023*

*Zoom*

*Hosted by UMBC*