



## GRADUATE COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting Held January 27, 2020

*Present:* Dean Sridhar, Associate Dean Schultheiss, Professors Arndt, Sparks, Pourdavood, Tayyara, Kosteas, Carnell, Humphrey, Quinn, Matcham, Ekelman, Hatch, Kumar, Allensworth-Davies, Registrar Kevin Neal, Library Representative Diane Kolosionek

*Absent/Excused:* Professors Porter, Zhao, Kim, Falk, Shukla, Student Representative Nathan On

*Guests:* Professors Elena Andrei, Miyuki Fukushima Tedor, and Joanna P. Ganning

Dean Sridhar called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**1. Approve Agenda** – The meeting Agenda was **approved** with two adjustments:

- Review of program changes to MBA program moved to February agenda to accommodate inter-departmental conversations.
- Review of Dual Resident Education Program following request for additional information at January Graduate Council.

**2. Approve minutes** – December 2, 2019

- Dr. Sridhar reviewed the minutes, noting the committees concerns regarding existing/new courses and who will be teaching them for the Dual Resident Education Program
- **A motion was made, seconded, the minutes were approved.**

**3. New Business**

a. Curriculum proposals

i. Applied Social Research, MA Program Change

- Expanding graduate electives due to faculty changes.
- No program changes, just adding electives
- SOC 588 has always been on the books but has received an update.
- SOC 525 is a current offering.
- **A motion to approve the modification to include SOC 588 and SOC 525 as an option in the Master of Arts in Applied Social Research was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.**

ii. Urban Economic Development, Graduate Certificate, adjust UST 622 from an elective to required course and include UST 623 as an elective

- Last review unknown, all syllabi and learning outcomes were reviewed.
- Focus group convened that included program and other urban alumni that work in economic development.
- Member noted that current students cannot be required to adhere to new requirements. Clarification the students will be given the option as to how to complete the certificate.
- UST 524 will remain the recommended elective course. Proposal is routing for a title changes from Distressed People, Distressed Places to Inequality and

Economic Development along with a redesign to focus on inequality and employment based on the review and focus group.

- **A motion to approve the modification to move UST 622 to a requirement from an elective and include UST 623 as an elective for the Urban Economic Development Graduate Certificate was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.**
- iii. Dual Resident Education Program – new degree proposed as part of M.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction, Teacher Education department. Program to prepare teachers in early childhood education, special education and second language skills and will encompass all three content areas. Master’s degree including two teaching licenses and an endorsement.
- Address specifically the resource questions that were raised at the last meeting
  - Promotion of multiple credential programs throughout the state of Ohio, some universities have already graduated cohorts. In almost the same number of credits, the DREAM program offers both of these licenses PLUS the TESOL endorsement, which is increasingly in more demand, especially in CMSD.
  - 2-4 new courses per semester are projected to be needed above what is currently offered. Adjunct faculty have been identified. Offerings of TESOL courses have been rearranged so as to not require any additional coverage by adjunct faculty.
  - This program is not intended to compete with existing programs because it focuses on a different population. This program is a licensure-only program, for candidates who need all 3 credentials offered. The DREAM program may attract ECIS students who would be pursuing an initial license, but this is a very small number, so we do not believe that the DREAM and ECIS programs are in direct competition for students.
  - Committee member inquired about the program being supported by adjunct faculty. Program will be coordinated and by faculty that have been part of the development. Identified adjuncts may be tapped into when needed and they are all eligible for graduate faculty status.
  - Member inquired if a student could pursue a single credential. Program is designed so that the 3 credentials are totally integrated. Student would have the option to take the state credentialing exam but the curriculum incorporates all 3 areas.
  - Dr. Sridhar noted that discussions with the College of Education indicated that this program aims to build a community of teachers within CMSD that we would be able to tap into to support the program. It was presented that the program would be stronger to have these CMSD teacher come in as adjuncts than have full-time faculty teach because of the hands-on experience.
  - **A motion to approve the Dual Resident Education Program was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.**
- iv. Courses in Curriculog for approval
- Member raised a concern about similarities in course names from different departments, i.e. Data Analysis (OSM 503) and Urban Data Analysis (UST 504). This is common due to curriculum being domain specific.
  - **A motion was made to approve the courses presented in Curriculog, which was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**4. Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees – Available reports**

- a. Faculty Senate - Has not met yet.
- b. University Admissions & Standards
  - Approved Health Care Management, Graduate Certificate
- c. University Curriculum Committee – no report
- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee – no report
- e. Petitions Committee –
  - Two meetings since last meeting, total of 26 petitions reviewed
- f. Grade Dispute Committee – none received
- g. Program Review Committee – meetings are underway
  - Advance thank you to those serving
  - Committee make up was adjusted to accommodate schedules
- h. University Research Council
  - Will be meeting in February to review graduate research proposals
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee
  - 3MT competition that will happen February 12th
  - Student have 3 minutes to present their research with a single static poster, winners move on to regional, national, and international competitions.

**5. Discussion items - none****6. Announcements**

- ❖ Welcome to Dr. Humphrey and announcement that Dr. Wenbing Zhao replaced Dr. Kothapalli from Engineering, who is on PLOA.
- ❖ Dr. Sridhar announced that he will be taking a 2 year rotation with NSF and will be stepping out of Dean role in April.
- ❖ A communication will go out to the Deans to incite interest in highlighting programs to Shorelight for international recruitment.

**7. Next Meeting:** The next Council meeting is Thursday, February 27 @ 2:00 p.m.**8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.