

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAired BY: Katharine Ullman and David Kieda

TIME: 3:00 pm

DATE: May 06, 2020

PLACE: Via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: David Blair, Anthea Letsou, Shmuel Baruch, James Agutter, Nena Schvaneveldt, Doug Christensen, Satu Hummasti, Raj Rajamani, Christopher Reilly, Rena D'Souza, Robert Kraemer, Robert Zheng, Kit Fry, Wade Cole, & Jessica Marshall

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: David Kieda, Katharine Ullman, Ann Darling

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Kristin Cloyes, Jonah Schupbach, Laura Kessler, & Dena Ned

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**

David Kieda of the Graduate School welcomed the Graduate Council.

2. **Review: Department of City and Metropolitan Planning**

Anthea Letsou of Neuroscience presented the Department of City and Metropolitan Planning review to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Dr. Letsou.

Vote: approve, with amendments

Abstained:

Comments: The Council requested that the number of faculty in the Division be confirmed. The Council also requested more specific information on how the Division carries out assessment activities and suggested that a specific recommendation regarding assessment be included.

3. **Review: Department of English**

David Blair of Biology presented the Department of English review to the Council. There were no questions raised by the Council.

Vote: approve, unanimous

Abstained:

Comments:

4. **Review: Nursing PhD and Gerontology Program**

Jim Agutter of Architecture presented the Department of Nursing PhD and Gerontology review to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Dr. Agutter.

Vote: approve, unanimous

Abstained:

Comments:

5. Discussion: Marriner S Eccles Institute for Economic and Qualitative Analysis

David Kieda of The Graduate School presented the proposal and supporting communication to the Council. All questions of the Council were answered by Dr. Kieda.

Vote: temp extension of provisional status

Abstained: Shmuel Baruch, Chris Reilly

Comments: The Council suggested that the Institute be granted an extension of provisional status to allow for further discussion.

6. Discussion Item: Potential Changes to Tuition Benefit Program

David Kieda discussed proposed changes to the Tuition Benefit Program that, if approved, will be implemented a year from now. A series of town-hall meetings and discussion with academic deans has been taking place to solicit feedback on the proposed changes.

7. Discussion Item: Center for Research on Migration & Refugee Integration

David Kieda reported that a proposal is forthcoming to move the administrative home of the Center for Research on Migration & Refugee Integration from the College of Social Work to the Division of Public Health.

8. Discussion Item: Time to Degree

David Kieda reported that the Graduate School will begin enforcing time limits set by individual departments for completing graduate degrees. Exceptions to time limits may still be approved upon petition to the Graduate School.

9. Discussion Item: Graduate School Code of Conduct

David Kieda reported that a Graduate School Code of Conduct has been drafted in order to promote a “safe, harassment-free and discrimination-free environment” for graduate students. The Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the University’s Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action and Directors of Graduate Studies prior to implementation. The Council recommended that the proposed Code of Conduct be aligned with existing University policy.