Graduate Council Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2024, 3:00 pm
802 William C. Browning Building

Council Members Present: Tabitha Benney, Kent Golic, Katherine Beals, Janet Lindsley, Donna Ziegenfuss, José Gutiérrez, Misty Smith, Patrick Panos, Aaron Kaplan, Brijes Mishra, Kuby Balagurunathan, Lisa Henry, Glen Schmidt

Ex Officio Members Present: Darryl Butt, Helene Shugart, Karen Paisley, Katrina Green, Caroline Bitter

Excused members: Paula Meek, Laura Kessler, Winston Kyan

Graduate School Staff Present: Paula Spencer

Welcome: Darryl Butt, Graduate School Dean

Proposal:
New Program – Ph.D. in Architecture
Presenters: Timothy Adekunle, Brisa Sánchez Zavala, Kate Malaia, School of Architecture

Discussion took place about:
- Demand for program
- As a post-professional degree, there is no need for accreditation
- Lack of specificity or focus regarding core curriculum
- Disproportionate credit hour distribution across program and courses (core and elective)
- Lack of clarity on program tracks, learning outcomes, and assessment
- Opportunities for graduates in non-profit work

Motion: Patrick Panos **-** Require resubmission with more details regarding tracks, learning outcomes, and assessment. Ensure that the proposal process is observed and necessary signatures obtained..
Second: Kuby Balagurunathan
Vote: Yes – 11, No – 0, Abstain**:** 1
Action: Request additional information from proposers

Proposal:
Curriculum Restructure – Tribal, Rural, Underserved Medical Education (TRUE) Certificate
No presenter
Discussion (based on written proposal):
- Value of program
- Change in curriculum is part of broader change in MD curriculum
- Curriculum changes that affect 25% of courses require Council review

Motion to approve: Tabitha Benney
Second: Lisa Henry
Vote: Yes – 12, No – 0, Abstain – 0
Action: Move proposal forward to the Academic Senate.

7-Year Review:
<u>Department of Political Science</u>
Presentation by Ad Hoc Committee Chair: Donna Ziegenfuss

Discussion took place about:
- Impact of MPA program separation
- Low faculty numbers in relation to PAC 12 peers
- Faculty and student gender diversity Leadership changes in department
- Benefit of a one-year follow-up progress report regarding department restructure

Motion to ratify report: José Gutiérrez
Second: Janet Lindsley

Vote: Yes – 12, No – 0, Abstain – 1

7-Year Review:
<u>Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering</u>
Presentation by Ad Hoc Committee Chair: Kent Golic

Discussion took place about:
- Student diversity
- Issues related to older building
- High expectations for career-line research faculty
- Question about graduate student stipends – are they 9 or 12 month?
- Revision of recommendation regarding graduate stipend explicitly noting ambiguity

Motion to ratify report with revision: Glen Schmidt
Second: Tabitha Benney

Vote: Yes – 12, No – 0, Abstain – 0

Petitions to Accept Accreditation in Lieu of Academic Program Review

Materials Science and Engineering
Discussion took place about:
- Rigor of ABET review extending beyond undergraduate programs
- Acceptability of using accreditation self-study as a complete or partial substitute for Graduate Council self-study in a graduate program review
- Value of a Graduate Council review for graduate programs only

Motion to accept accreditation, excepting graduate degree programs: Janet Lindsley
Second: Kent Golic
Vote: Yes – 11, No – 0, Abstain – 0

Department of Psychology
Discussion took place about:
- Clinical graduate degree program is accredited
- Substantive overlap of program content between clinical and non-clinical graduate programs

Motion to accept accreditation, excepting the undergraduate degree program: Patrick Panos
Second: Kent Golic
Vote: Yes – 11, No – 0, Abstain – 0

Pending Petitions to Accept Accreditation in Lieu of Academic Program Review
Several (4-5) petitions for next AY anticipated; due to the tight timeline this cycle, those will be emailed to the Graduate Council for review and electronic vote, likely in early May.

Discussion:
- Blanket acceptance of accreditation for all accredited degree programs and default requirement of review of unaccredited degree programs
- Graduate Council will revisit this suggestion in future meetings