

Graduate Faculty Council (GFC)

April 13, 2021

1:30 to 3 p.m.

Meeting minutes

Present: Amy Lee, Christian Ritter, Jodie Turosky, Julie Aultman, Kris Baughman, Natalie Bonfine, Angelo DeLucia, Scott Wisneski, Steve Schmidt, Vahagn Ohanyan, Nona Hose, Phil Jenkinson, Kelly Shrock, Greg Koman, Chris Vinyard, Ashley Myer, Matt Smith, Gabbie Frame

Guests: Seth Brownlee, Kat Tromp, Carli Toch and Katherine Miranda

Absent: Priya Raman, Ashley Myer and Alex Galazyuk

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	Dr. Schmidt called the meeting to order.	
2. Approval of February 16, 2021 meeting minutes	Dr. Schmidt asked the council if there were any edits or corrections to the minutes from February. Hearing no reply, he asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Dr. Wisneski made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Baughman seconded the motion. The meeting minutes from the February GFC meeting were approved.	
3. Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies	Dr. Ritter shared that CCGS meetings have moved from every other month to every month. Greg Koman has been attending them and will assist Dr. Ritter when he begins as the chair of the committee in July 2021. There seems to be a recent surge in program growth. Historically, very few proposals have been rejected, but recently two have been, one for no faculty buy-in and the other for minimal response to comments from CCGS members.	
4. Old business a. Updates regarding new programs/programs under development	<p>Dr. Schmidt provided updates to new programs and those under development.</p> <p>MMSA – Dr. Schmidt received a recommendation from the search committee interviewing the program director candidates last evening. He will reach out to the candidate and possibly invite them to visit campus. The program is still targeting a January 2022 launch. There is still much to be done between now and then to make this happen. The top candidate has experience with the accreditation process. the program has been approved by the CCGS and HLC.</p> <p>The MLHSS program will hopefully be launched in the Fall of 2021. It is anticipating a cohort of 12 students to start. A search for a program director for this program is underway. Dr. Amy lee will chair the search committee for the program director position. The program has been approved by CCGS and is under review by the HLC. We should hear from HLC in June.</p> <p>The Health Research Certificate is open for enrollment. There are three applicants currently and additional inquiries have been made to Drs. Matthew Smith and Julie Aultman. Dr. Schmidt asked GFC members to encourage students to apply to this program.</p>	
b. Translational Research discussion update	Dr. Smith updated the council regarding the translational research discussion at the last GFC meeting. He has been working with Dr. Rachida Bouhenni from Akron Children's	

	<p>Hospital to map out what an initial course would look like. They have made progress but there is still much to do. He is also reaching out to other clinicians for their input on the topic. Once a draft of a course has been developed, it will be presented to the GFC for approval.</p> <p>Dr. Schmidt shared that the working groups from the Discovery pillar of the strategic plan recommended translational research as a way to engage clinicians working with us and to inform bench research.</p>	
<p>5. New Business a. Dual Enrollment for PharmD and CCGS, GFC and HLC</p>	<p>Dr. Ritter opened the discussion by explaining to the council that there is a barrier for Pharm D students to dual enrollment in COGS program. COP students typically do not have a Bachelor's degree as it is not a requirement for admission into the COP; however, the COGS requires a bachelor's degree for admission into its programs.</p> <p>Drs. Seth Brownlee and Kat Tromp joined the meeting at this time to discuss the issue in greater detail.</p> <p>Dr. Brownlee shared the background of a proposal that is being developed which will allow PharmD dual enrollment in COGS. 96% of Pharmacy programs nationwide do not require a bachelor's degree for admission. The degree program requires two years of undergraduate coursework and four years of professional school.</p> <p>He is looking to bring a framework of a proposal to the GFC for consideration so that students without bachelor's degrees who are enrolled in the COP would be able to enroll in certain COGS programs if they meet a certain set of requirements. These requirements would include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. complete 2 years of COP first 2. be in good standing in the COP 3. obtain a letter of support from the Dean of COP and one faculty member 4. if the student leaves COP for any reason, they would have to leave COGS as well. <p>COGS could determine program by program what their specific program enrollment requirements would be.</p> <p>Dr. Schmidt asked the GFC members to look at the proposal that was distributed by Dr. Brownlee. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. We will discuss this again at the next GFC meeting.</p>	
<p>b. Allowing COGS students to take a COM radiation exam in cross-over courses</p>	<p>Dr. Vinyard shared a brief overview of this agenda item that will be discussed in greater detail at a future GFC meeting. He shared that there are situations where students fail a COM courses and he feels it may be beneficial for them to take the remediation exam like the COM students do. There are issues with CAPP regrading this that need to be resolved.</p> <p>Dr. Aultman stated it may help to have COGS students take different/more frequent exams throughout the semester or give them an Incomplete.</p> <p>Katherine Miranda shared that the COM is considering an "Academic Incomplete" policy that the COGS may want to consider. Currently, the COGS does not offer remediation to students.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Vinyard will develop a draft policy and ask Dr. Aultman and Katherine to review and edit it.</p> <p>Dr. Aultman pointed out that it will need to include all COGS/COM overlap courses.</p>	
6. Program Reports		
a. Ethics	Dr. Aultman shared that MEH students are actively defending their theses – there are nine total. Three students are graduating. She is recruiting for MEH and the new Health Research Certificate program.	
b. IPM	Dr. Smith shared there are two new students enrolling in the Fall. Brianna Guarino is defending April 19.	
c. MAS	Dr. Vinyard shared that MAS students are finishing their Capstone projects which is the last step for graduation. The program has received 19 applications for Fall so far – there are 16 seats available.	
d. MPH	Dr. Lee shared the MPH program is finishing up National Public Health Week. The program’s strategic planning kick-off is tomorrow. There are five confirmed admissions within the consortium for Fall. Two students are graduating this Spring and one in the Summer.	
e. BMS	Dr. Young shared there will be 12 new students enrolled in the Fall. A NEOMED-based faculty and student forum has been planned for May 5. He and Ernie Freeman will give an update on the status of the program.	
f. HSPA	Dr. Wisneski shared there are two resident candidates at CCF that have been accepted. He is expecting one more from Akron General. There will be two new courses offered next academic year. He is working with KSU to move courses to Canvas. One student is graduating.	
g. Program Coordinator update	<p>Kelly Shrock shared that full time and part time status for COGS students is changing from 9 and 4.5 hours to 8 and 4 .</p> <p>The course titled “Growing with Canvas” will be required for all teaching faculty, including adjuncts. There are six modules which are approximately 1 hour each in length. This needs to be completed before the faculty begin teaching.</p> <p>Greg Koman shared that the COGS administrative team is going through the website page-by-page. Please review and send suggestions or comments to Greg.</p> <p>Dr. Schmidt requested that as council members look at other websites, send suggestions that may be helpful to ours to Greg.</p>	
Open discussion “parking lot” items	<p>Dr. Schmidt asked the council for suggestions of topics for open discussion at future meetings. Suggested topics are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badges (smaller than certificates) • Faculty workload (invite Dr. Cynthia Ledford to participate) • Timing of student research symposium to include graduate students • Progression of graduate students in programs 	
The meeting was adjourned.		