

Graduate Faculty Council (GFC)

June 14, 2022

1:30 to 3 p.m.

Meeting minutes

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Amy Lee, Bernhard Fassl, Erin Franks, Gabbie Frame, Jodie Turosky, Julie Aultman, Matthew Smith, Nate Flath, Nicholas Osborne, Priya Raman, Rebecca Fischbein, Scott Wisneski, Steven Schmidt, Vahagn Ohanyan, Greg Koman, Chelsea Luli, Lynda McPhail, Phil Jenkinson, Katherine Miranda, Carli Toth, Nona Hose

Absent: Angelo DeLucia, Natalie Bonfine, Jesse Young, Vivian von Gruenigen, Kelly Shrock

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order		
2. Approval of April 19, 2022, meeting minutes	Dr. Schmidt asked the council if there were any edits or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Dr. Wisneski made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Galazyuk seconded the motion. The meeting minutes from the April 2022 GFC meeting were approved.	
3. Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies	Dr. Aultman reported that several programs were approved at the May CCGS meeting. Several other programs have been suspended across the state due to low enrollment. There has been a general decline in enrollment over the last year due to COVID and high turnover of faculty in public universities. NEOMED will be presenting program at the November CCGS meeting – Global Health and the revitalization of the IPM program.	
4. Old business a. HLC Update	Dr. Aultman shared that a sub-team of individuals has rewritten criterion 3 and 4 which focus on academics for all colleges. Dr. Langell has developed a proposal for the revitalization of the IPM program. The last HLC visit resulted in the need to see movement and growth in the IPM program. The COGS also needed to improve the retention and recruitment of students in all programs. Greg Koman has been tracking student progression through COGS programs. Dr. Aultman also shared results from the student survey from HLC. Students were given the opportunity to provide feedback regarding their student experience at NEOMED. On a scale of 1 – 5, the COGS scored in the lower 4 range. Overall students value the programs and the coursework. Students are grateful for the support they receive from the COGS. There are 90 days until the HLC site visit on September 12 and 13, 2022. The final report will be locked on August 15. An outside reviewer will come in July. Dr. Aultman asked Program Directors to check their webpages to ensure the information is correct and up-to-date and that all of the links work. Please let Greg Koman know if there are issues.	
5. New Business a. CAAHEP – ARCAA Accreditation	Nate Flath announced that the MMSA program has received full accreditation without sanctions. This is a five-year	

	<p>accreditation which is the maximum number of years it can be accredited for.</p>	
b. Global Health Certificate coursework	<p>Dr. Fassl shared that the program is live. There was a large amount of interest based on emails received this past week. There will be ten credit hours of course work consisting of three courses: Foundations (2 credits), Health Systems (3 credits), Global Immersion Innovation Experience (4 credits).</p> <p>Twenty is the maximum enrollment for the program at this time. The program is open to NEOMED and Kent State University (KSU) students.</p> <p>Carli Toth asked if KSU students will enroll through NEOMED. The answer is year, they will.</p>	
c. AMP committee update	<p>Dr. Aultman informed the council that there is a policy being developed regarding student/employee relationships. The COM needs this policy as quickly as it can be developed, but the COP and COGS have put it on hold because it is still in draft form.</p> <p>Another policy is being developed to address the punctuality of students who need to utilize testing services for re-take tests. Language regarding this new policy may need to be added to the course syllabus template.</p>	
d. COGS Orientation – August 22, 2022	<p>The COGS student orientation has been completely online the past few years. Students are interested in meeting each other across the programs. In addition to the online orientation there will be a half-day on August 22, 2022, which is the first day of classes.</p> <p>Dr. Aultman shared the agenda for the day with the council.</p> <p>Carli Toth asked if taking student photos could be added to the agenda. She also asked if it would be helpful for testing services to present or provide a video for students to watch.</p> <p>Dr. Aultman asked that other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns be sent to the COGS team by June 30.</p>	
e. GFC meeting schedule	<p>Dr. Aultman shared that a July date has been set for the GFC to meet. The GFC will meet monthly for an hour moving forward because of everything coming through for approval before the HLC site visit.</p> <p>Dr. Aultman also asked members if they would like to go back to in-person meetings. Dr. Galazyuk suggested using a hybrid model. Meetings will be hybrid starting in August.</p>	
f. Innovation track and new faculty for IPM	<p>Dr. Schmidt shared with the council that a new faculty member has been recruited for the new innovations track in IPM - James Keszenheimer from the University of Akron. James has accepted a non-tenure track professor position on the COGS.</p>	
g. Student representative appointments and reappointments (Nicholas Osborne [IPM] – renewal; Jason Constable [MEH] – new appointment	<p>Dr. Schmidt shared that Nicholas Osborne has agreed to serve a second term as student representative to the GFC. Gabbie Frame will be defending this December so is not able to serve another term. Jason Constable from the MEH program has been nominated to serve as a student rep. Dr. Galazyuk made a motion to approve Jason Constable serving as student rep to the GFC. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. Jason Constable is approved to serve as student representative to the GFC.</p>	
6. Program Reports a. MMSC-A	<p>Nate Flath reported that interviews are being scheduled for the Fall cohort of students.</p>	

b. MLHSS	Dr. Schmidt reported that recruitment is ongoing for students to enroll in the program. The program received support from the strategic funding program to interface with the COM to develop a leadership pathway.	
c. IPM and Research Certificate	Dr. Smith reported that he is working to get the innovation track started this coming Fall.	
d. MFM (formerly MAS)	Dr. Franks shared that the program is recruiting for Fall. There are nine students enrolled so far.	
e. MPH	Dr. Lee shared that an MPH student interest group is being created. The program's Spring celebration is coming up on June 16, 2022. It will be a virtual event.	
f. BMS	Dr. Aultman is meeting with Drs. Young and Galazyuk to work on updating the MPU with Kent State.	
g. Global Health	Dr. Fassl thanked Dr. Aultman for helping with his program.	
h. HSPA	Dr. Wisneski reported that the program is entering its final year. There are two students finishing this year before the program is suspended.	
i. MEH	Dr. Aultman reported that one student has accepted for Fall. The first pharmacy student is applying. Enrollment has been lower than it was in past years.	
j. Program Coordinator update	N/A	
Student concerns	N/A	
The meeting was adjourned.		