**YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**College of Graduate Studies**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**TEAMS – Video and Recording Transcripts**

Present: Valerie O’Dell, Chair, Patrick Bateman, Christopher Bellas, Lauren Cummins, Kendra Fowler, Douglas Genna, J. Paul Louth, Tomi Ovaska, Jake Protivnak, Virgil Solomon, Sal Sanders, Angie Urmson Jeffries, Linda Hulburt-Blosser

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Representatives: Theresa Gorospe, Gabrielle E. Jones, and Joseph Spurio

The meeting was called to order by Valerie O’Dell, Chair, when a quorum had been met.

1. The March 2022 meeting minutes were approved by evote. (7 Approve, 0 Approve with edit, 1 Abstain)
2. The March 2022 Curriculum Items were approved by evote. (excluding ISEN 6939. This item is on hold and will be presented at a later date for approval.) (9 Approve, 0 Approve with edit, 0 Abstain).
3. Committee Chair reports
   1. Admission and Appeals Committee Chair: J. Paul Louth

Paul Louth submitted a report indicating there is nothing to report this month.

* 1. Graduate Curriculum Chair: Virgil Solomon- Items are being reviewed and may be sent via evote at a later date.
  2. Exceptions Chair: Sal Sanders

There were no exceptions requested since our last report.

* 1. Grievance Chair: Christopher Bellas

Nothing to report at this time.

* 1. GSAC: Theresa Gorospe, Gabrielle E. Jones, and Joseph Spurio

Joseph Spurio had nothing to report.

1. Discussion of Grad Council meeting dates for 2022-23

Sal Sanders wanted to check with Council Members to see if the current time still works best for everyone. There is one conflict with the Academic Senate meeting in

April 2023. The consensus of the group is to keep the same schedule, but perhaps make a change for the one meeting in April 2023, if necessary.

On the same note, should Graduate Council keep the meetings remotely or switch back to in-person meetings? It was the consensus of the group to continue the meetings remotely.

1. Changes to Provisional Admission Policy (Sal)

Sal Sanders reviewed the following current Admission Policies and submitted a new proposed change in policy to be reviewed by the Graduate Council Members to show the inequality between the two decisions.

**Current: Regularly admitted students who are “not in good standing” will be academically suspended if their semester GPA is below 3.0 for more than one semester.**

**Current: Provisionally admitted graduate students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Provisional students whose GPA falls below 3.0 will be academically suspended.**

**Proposed: Graduate students who are “not in good standing” will be academically suspended if their semester GPA is below 3.0 for more than one semester.**

The idea is to try to give the “provisionally admitted,” student as much opportunity as the “regular admitted student” to show they could perform in the academic program. The “provisionally admitted student has a stricter standard.

If a student received multiple “F” grades, then they are probably not serious about their coursework. If someone is not doing well due to illness or circumstances beyond their control, a petition for late withdrawal could be approved.

Angie indicated that this change could not go into the catalog through the CIM but would be noted on the Graduate Studies page. After a lengthy discussion on this subject, the council members could not agree to the current proposal due to a variety of reasons.

Since no motion was made at this time for the current proposal, this topic will be presented again at the next meeting.

1. Changes to International GPA requirement (Sal)

Sal Sanders will invite Nate Myers, International Programs to discuss credential review and GPA calculations.

1. Dean Sanders’s comments

Sal thanks everyone for their participation in today’s discussion on these two important issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Attachments: Item 3c. Sal Sanders

Exceptions Committee Report to Graduate Council for April 2022

Committee Membership:

Dr. Sal Sanders, Chairperson

Dr. Virgil Solomon

Dr. Valerie O’Dell

There were no exceptions requested since our last report.

 Report submitted by Sal Sanders on 04/26/22.

Attachments: Item #5 Sal Sanders

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