**YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**College of Graduate Studies - Graduate Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

**Coffelt Hall Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.**

**Present**: Mark Womble, Chair, Patrick J. Bateman, Kendra Fowler, Paul Louth, Christine McCullough, Valerie O’Dell, Tomi Ovaska, Dolores Sisco, Virgil Solomon, Sal Sanders, Angie Urmson Jeffries

**Excused**: Christopher Bellas, Lauren Cummins, Matthew Paylo

1. Approval of minutes from September 2019 meeting

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from September 25, 2019, as presented.

1. The new Graduate Council members were introduced. They are:
	1. Christine McCullough, Art
	2. Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) representatives: Jonathan Cambouris, History and Errek Pham, Biological Sciences
2. Committee Reports
	1. Admission and Appeals Committee Chair: Dolores Sisco

Dolores Sisco reported that one appeal was successfully approved regarding an issue on scholarship aid.

Dolores also explained to new members that this committee reviews and makes decisions on exceptions to the Admissions requirement undergraduate institutions that are regionally accredited. They also review appeals of academic suspension.

* 1. Graduate Curriculum Chair: Virgil Solomon –October Circulation Memo

October Circulation Memo dated October 16, 2019 – Circulation packet Items 2019-20:24 and 2019-20:25 - (See attachment)

Virgil Solomon provided an overview of the Graduate Curriculum report of requested action items for the Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences. A motion was made to accept this report. The motion was unanimously approved.

* 1. Exceptions Chair: Sal Sanders

There are no exceptions to report

* 1. GSAC: Jonathan Cambouris and Errek Pham

There is nothing to report at this time.

* 1. Grievance Chair: Christopher Bellas -

There are no grievances to report.

* 1. Policy Chair: Vacant

This committee considers policy initiated by the Policy Committee, by the Graduate Council, by the Dean of Graduate Studies, or by members of the Graduate Faculty; reviews existing policies; and recommends to Graduate Council both new policy and any necessary revisions in existing policies.

Angie Urmson Jefferies reported on responses from email to graduate faculty.

Following a discussion on how to proceed, it was decided to leave this position vacant while considering other options. There are no current policies under review at this time.

1. Graduate Faculty
	1. CLASS
		1. Amy Fluker, History

A motion was made to approve the CLASS faculty application listed above for Category 1 membership. The application was recommended by the CGS committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

* 1. BCHHS
		1. David Griswold, Physical Therapy

A motion was made to approve the BCHHS faculty application listed above for Category 1 membership. The application was recommended by the CGS committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Tabled from September meeting-Discussion: C Grade Policy

For degree programs requiring up to 39 s.h. for completion, a student may count no more than 6 s.h. of coursework with a grade of C toward the minimum graduation hour requirements. For students in programs requiring 40 or more s.h. for completion, no more than 9 s.h. of coursework with a grade of C may count toward the minimum graduation hour requirement.

While taking into consideration a number of possible alternatives suggested by the graduate council members, there was no consensus on how to make this change as there were too many variables between colleges. A motion was made not to change the current policy

A recommendation was also made to communicate this policy to the student’s graduate-level course syllabus. Other recommendations to include information about applying for graduation and the requirements for graduation.

1. Vision Statement – Sal Sanders

Sal Sanders invited graduate council members to participate in the process to create a Vision Statement now that the Mission Statement has been completed. Please contact him directly if you are interested in being part of this new process.

The difference between a Mission Statement is that the mission statement describes what the University focusses on now. The Vision statement focuses on what the University wants to be in the future, and how it hopes to effect change.

1. Dean Sanders’s Comments

Sal requested feedback on changes in allocation of assistantships and scholarships.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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