**YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting date: March 27, 2024 @ 4:00 pm**

**TEAMS**

Present: Douglas Genna, Chair, Patrick Bateman, Joseph Carucci, Kendra Fowler, Vince Hepola (student representative), Paul Louth, Valerie O’Dell, Sal Sanders, Constantin Virgil Solomon

Excused: Christopher Bellas, Lauren Cummins, Carlie Geyer (student representative), Jake Protivnak, Angie Urmson-Jeffries

Douglas Genna called the Graduate Council meeting to order at 4:00 PM

1. February 2024 Graduate Council meeting minutes evote approved. (7 Approve, 1 Approve with edit, 3 Abstain)
2. February 2024 Curriculum Report evote approved. (11 Approve, 0 Approve with edit, 0 Abstain)
3. Jennifer Cambouris, Academic Operations Specialist 2 for Grad College, replacing Linda Hulburt-Blosser
4. Committee Chair reports
   1. Admission and Appeals Committee Chair: J. Paul Louth. No appeals to report.
   2. Graduate Curriculum Chair: Virgil Solomon- No items to report.
   3. Exceptions Chair: Christopher Bellas (excused) Sal Sanders – no items to report
   4. Grievance Chair: Sal – no items to report
   5. GSAC- Vincent Hepola STEM: Diversity of Scholarship event held on March 19, 2024 in the Schwebel Room of Kilcawley Center. 25 in attendance. 23 YSU student/staff 2 guests. YSU Nominees presented. A speaker was nominated for commencement and forwarded to Angie.
5. Spring Commencement – Sal Sanders: Saturday, May 4, 2024: 9:00 AM: College of Graduate Studies, Beeghly Center. The Graduate College commencement is now separate from undergraduate. Discussion overviewed how the separation of the Grad Commencement was decided. Largely due to capacity/space. STEM/CIS and MBA are the largest graduating programs.
6. Graduate Scholarship – Revision of criteria to maintain –Sal. Current scholarship criteria are awarded to incoming graduate students that have a 3.5 GPA and/or above. The award is $500 - $1000 per semester can only go toward the instructional fee. Students cannot receive BOTH assistantship and Scholarship. The current criteria states that in order to maintain the scholarship, student must have a 3.0 higher cumulative GPA. NOTATIONS FOR THE REVISION: if someone does go below 3.0 for a single semester, we don’t cut off their funding. We have other things in place if the student goes more than one semester past. We want them to succeed. We don’t want to pull their funding and make things worse for them.

DISCUSSION expanded: Paul Louth: If policy remains as the current policy, several situations have already come to the appeals committee and with program support of the student, we have always approved. Virgil Solomon: previously discussed last meeting and vote to support it.

Doug Genna, Chair recognized Sal’s MOTION: to remove the criteria for GPA to maintain this scholarship. Not the criteria to award it. 2nd by Virgil Solomon. VOTE: (9 Approve) Motion passes.

7. CCP DISCUSSION: No action required. Carryover from February meeting. State of Ohio is needing more

educators in certain areas. They are rolling out funding with little pay for people to get 18 hours of graduate credit to enable them to teach CCP credits at high school level. Teachers can get their graduate credits without having to pay the tuition. HLC says that people have to have one degree higher in order to teach grad courses or have to have 18 hours of credit if they already have a master’s degree. The educators need 18 hours in the actual specialty that they want to teach.

Patrick Bateman concerned with longevity of the program being short lived or ongoing. Sal reported that it was to be a year or so and with exceptions. It is to begin implementation in the Fall. Doug Genna asking for clarification for teaching courses or just needing documentation of what the department could or could not teach. Online courses preferred as the students for these courses are teachers and wouldn’t want them to bring themselves to university after the school day. However, Biology Lab may not be possible. Paul Louth brought up concerns regarding asynchronously for the 18 hours and not having good backgrounds in the content areas.

8. Comments/Information from Council Members –Sal acknowledged and congratulates the Graduate Council

Members receiving University recognition: Distinguished Service Award: Angie Urmson-Jeffries; Distinguished Professor in Scholarship: Christopher Bellas, Paul Louth; Distinguished Professor in Teaching: Constantin Virgil Solomon; Distinguished Professor in Service: Patrick Bateman, Doug Genna

Meeting adjourned 4:29 PM