MINUTES
GRADUATE BOARD
November 14, 2016

PRESENT: C. Creech, M. Deibis, T. Hemphill, V. Lotfi (Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs), B. Maki, M. Mani, A. Ojelabi (Student), K. Schilling, S. Selig, S. Turner

ABSENT: M. Finney (conference)

1. Minutes from October 24, 2016 were approved with no changes.

2. Proposal for Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Dynamics
   ▪ T. Hemphill introduced the proposal to the Board.
   ▪ The School of Management (SOM) seeks approval to offer a Master of Science in Leadership and Organization Dynamics (MSLOD). It is a 30 credit part-time program offered as a hybrid program (online with residencies) beginning Fall 2017.
   ▪ Four new courses will be developed by the SOM for this program utilizing current faculty plus one additional hire. Conservative budget estimates include the enrollment of eight students in year one and an expected profit starting in year two of the program.
   ▪ Needs assessment data was included; the target audience for this program will be mid-level managers from private and non-profit sectors.
   ▪ Admission requirements were discussed including the differences between the admission requirements of the MSLOD versus the MBA.
   ▪ The Board discussed both the internal and external competition aspects of offering this new program.
   ▪ The SOM believes that this new program is consistent with the missions of both the School and University.
   ▪ The Graduate Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal as written. The proposal will now be forwarded to the Provost for further action.

3. Proposal for Doctor of Nursing Practice Post-Master’s Certificate for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners
   ▪ C. Creech introduced the proposal to the Board.
   ▪ The School of Nursing (SON) seeks to offer a post-master’s certificate program to prepare Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners (AGACNPs). This new certificate program is designed to educate master’s and doctorally-prepared nurse practitioners in an additional nurse practitioner specialty area to manage and improve outcomes for culturally diverse populations of adult patients with acute healthcare conditions. This is the second post-master’s certificate program for the SON.
• It is a 29 credit part-time cohort program with 11 courses offered completely online over the course of two years.
• All of the courses are currently embedded courses within the DNP program acute care concentration and can be offered with existing faculty and staff. The budget that was included projected a profit to be earned starting in year one with the first cohort estimated at 5-8 students.
• The new certificate program will require a substantive change report to the CCNE with 90 days of the program initiation; the target date of implementation is Fall 2017.
• Needs assessment data was included; they believe that there will be strong demand for this certificate program from former students that don’t have the AGACNP specialty.
• The Board discussed both the internal and external competition aspects of offering this new certificate program.
• The SON believes that this new program is consistent with the missions of both the School and University.
• The Graduate Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal as written. The proposal will now be forwarded to the Provost for further action.

4. Matters Arising
• There were no matters arising.

Next meeting: 11/28/16 @ 2:00pm in the Graduate Programs Conference Room