MINUTES
GRADUATE BOARD
October 24, 2016

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

ABSENT: S. Selig

1. Minutes from October 10, 2016 were approved with no changes.

2. Review Updated Guidelines for Approval of New Graduate Programs
   ▪ The Board reviewed the updated Guidelines for Approval of New Graduate Programs, along with an HLC best practices document (e.g. HLC Assumed Practice B.1.c) regarding cross-listed courses. Additional minor changes were suggested that will be incorporated into the new document.
   ▪ The Board unanimously approved a motion to forward the updated Guidelines for Approval of New Graduate Programs to the Provost for approval.
   ▪ Upon approval by the Provost, the document would also need to be forwarded to the Faculty Council. It may be necessary to update the faculty code as well.
   ▪ During this discussion, the Board discussed the desire to learn more about the advantages/disadvantages of creating a new graduate school at UM-Flint. V. Lotfi advised that this topic could be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

3. Presentation of Results of 2016 Graduate Student Survey
   ▪ B. Maki presented the results of the 2016 Graduate Student Survey. The multi-part survey was web-based with a maximum of 85 questions and was conducted during the winter 16 term. It was sent to all active graduate students (1,827 total) and had a 38% return rate of 700 surveys.
   ▪ The purpose of the survey was to assess these areas of graduate education at UM-Flint: academic experience, course scheduling, campus services, decision to attend UM-Flint and recruitment and admissions processes.
   ▪ B. Maki will begin to share disaggregated results with each program and hopes to have all of these meetings completed during winter 2017 term.

4. Matters Arising
   ▪ There were no matters arising.

Next meeting: 11/14/16 @ 2:00pm in the Graduate Programs Conference Room