MINUTES
GRADUATE BOARD
February 12, 2018

PRESENT:  C. Creech, M. Deibis, M. Finney, T. Hemphill, D. Lair, B. Maki, K. Schilling, S. Turner (Interim Associate Provost), G. Welch

ABSENT: F. Qureshi, J. Witt

1. The minutes from the January 22, 2018 were approved with one minor change.

2. Dual Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Dynamics (MSLOD) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program
   ▪ This item was originally discussed in the 1/8/18 meeting. The Board reviewed the additional information provided by SOM.
   ▪ It was reported that there are currently 11 students in the MSLOD program, and three may be interested in the dual degree. The goal is to have 15 students enrolled in both programs by fall 2018.
   ▪ The proposal aligns with the other dual MBA programs that are currently available.
   ▪ The Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal to offer a dual Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Dynamics (MSLOD) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) dual degree program.

3. Proposal for Changing Lean Manufacturing Concentration to Supply Chain & Operations Management Concentration in the MBA Program
   ▪ This item was originally discussed in the 1/8/18 meeting. The Board reviewed the additional information provided by SOM.
   ▪ SOM advised that they are still continuing their relationship with Kettering University, and students still have the option of electing a lean manufacturing course from Kettering. Students should not be negatively affected by this change.
   ▪ The Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal to change the Lean Manufacturing concentration to Supply Chain & Operations Management concentration in the MBA program.

4. DNP Curriculum Changes
   ▪ The SON studied DNP programs in Michigan and out of state to compare credit hour requirements. They found that the UM-Flint DNP was too credit heavy, and they are seeking permission to reduce overall credit hours to make the program more competitive in the market.
   ▪ The proposed decrease reduces all concentrations by four credit hours and some by eight. All DNP students must take 54 credits and then each concentration requires an additional 20-26 additional credits. The reduction will allow students to finish the program in 3.5 years, instead of 4 years.
   ▪ The Board voted to accept (5 approve, 1 abstain) the DNP curriculum changes.
5. Proposed Revisions to Master of Public Administration
   - The proposal outlined the following revisions:
     - Reinstatement of program credit hours to 42 (39 if no internship is needed) to facilitate needed courses for accreditation and maintain parity with similar programs at other institutions.
     - Removal of elective options and creation of one streamlined required courses sequence.
     - Revision of four of the five MPA degrees to streamline course offerings: General Program, Nonprofit Administration (now to be Nonprofit Administration and Social Entrepreneurship), Health Care Administration, and Criminal Justice.
     - Change in concentration name of Nonprofit Administration to Nonprofit Administration and Social Entrepreneurship.
     - Addition of a professional development course.
   - The Board questions whether or not Rackham will need to be notified of these changes and seeks additional rationale from the program regarding the concentration requirements for the newly proposed Nonprofit Administration and Social Entrepreneurship concentration. More information is needed before the Board can take a vote.
   - The Board supports the program’s desire to streamline courses, add rigor to the program and prepare for future accreditation.
   - The next day after the meeting, the MPA Director provided the additional information requested by the Board which was forwarded to them electronically. Subsequently, these members responded with a vote to approve the Proposal for MPA Revisions electronically: Creech, Hemphill, Lair, Schilling, and Welch.

6. 2017 Interim Progress Report for MS in Computer Science and Information Systems (MS_CSIS)
   - There was not enough time left to address this agenda item. It will be moved to the next meeting.

7. Matters Arising
   - There was a discussion regarding adding a requirement to the program review document requiring programs to conduct a market analysis of their program. This item will be added to the To-Do list for future consideration.

8. DPT Program Change
   - The Graduate Board received a request via email to review DPT Program Change form. The review/approval could not wait until the next meeting due to a Catalog deadline.
   - The program change form outlined changes in some courses, course titles, course descriptions and credit hours, but the total credits remained the same at 120. It was
reported that a separate form was previously submitted that addressed changes that affected the DPT/MBA program.

- There was reference on the program change form regarding a dual DPT/PhD program. The Board was advised that the dual program was a separate issue. The changes that were being made to the DPT program could facilitate a dual program.
- These members responded with a vote to approve the DPT program changes electronically: Creech, Finney, Hemphill, Lair, Welch, and Witt.

**Next meeting:** 3/12/18 @ 2:00pm in the Graduate Programs Conference Room