MINUTES
GRADUATE BOARD
September 24, 2018

PRESENT:  M. Bohlen, C. Creech, M. Deibis, S. Drummond Lewis, T. Hemphill, S. Selig, S. Turner (Interim Associate Provost), J. Witt, H. Wehbe-Alamah (for C. Creech)

ABSENT:  M. Finney, M. Straham (student)

1. The minutes of the 9/10/18 meeting were approved without any changes.

2. Graduate Transfer Exception Proposal
   ▪ Since we haven’t received a response back yet from the General Counsel, this item will be tabled until the next meeting.
   ▪ There was discussion regarding feedback received from CAS meeting where the proposal to accept graduate credit from Saudi Arabia students who need to leave Canada was introduced. General feedback was that the proposal should be neutral and not show political support for either country (e.g. Canada or Saudi Arabia).

3. Proposal for SON Master’s to DNP in Executive Leadership
   ▪ There was continued discussion regarding the proposed budget and required faculty resources.
   ▪ There was discussion regarding the admissions eligibility requirement in which applicants must have 24 months of current mid-level administrative or higher position experience. It was agreed that applicants should have the stated experience by the time that the program starts and not necessarily when the application is submitted.
   ▪ The Graduate Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal for a Master’s to Doctor of Nursing Practice with a concentration in Executive Leadership as it was written. The proposal will now be forwarded to the Provost for further action.

4. MPA External Review
   ▪ The Board reviewed the MPA External Review report prepared by faculty from Wayne State University.
   ▪ The Board was impressed with the external reviewer’s comments.
   ▪ There was discussion regarding MPA faculty resources and the history and support for the oldest graduate program at UM-Flint.
   ▪ The External Review will be forwarded to the Program Director by Dr. Turner.
   ▪ In the future, we will work to get the external reviews completed before the Board reviews the program’s self-study and issues its final report.
5. Matters Arising

- Dr. Turner provided information about his discussion with AAAC regarding possible changes to the Graduate Programs New Program Approval process. He is looking to create a new section that addresses the need for proposers to determine if the new program will impact existing programs at UM-Flint.

Next meeting: 10/08/18 @ 2:00pm in the Graduate Programs Conference Room