Minutes of the Graduate Board

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

RA 179 Meeting Room, Shimada Student Center
150 Ritter Hall Annex, Main Campus
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:
  William Aaronson, Sherril Dodds, Deborah Drabick, Heather Gardiner, Jeffrey Godel,
  Marcia Hall, Jody Hey, Ceridwyn King, Heather LaMarre, Doug Lombardi, Gerardo Mendoza,
  Rashida Ng, Elizabeth Cassidy Parker, Timothy Patterson, Joseph Picone, Elisabeth Subrin,
  Kimberly Williams

Ex-Officio Member:
  Zebulon Kendrick, Vice Provost, Graduate Education

Graduate School Staff:
  Tangia Boyd, Assistant Director of Business and Financial Operations
  Kathryn Petrich, Director of Graduate Communications
  Margaret Pippet, Assistant Dean
  Michael Toner, Director of Student Services: Graduate Enrollment and Data Management

Guests:
  Jancy Munguia, Research Analyst, Office of Institutional Research and Assessment
  Shawn Schurr, Associate Vice Provost, Graduate Education (incoming)

Approval of the Minutes:
William Aaronson motioned to approve the minutes of October 17, 2018. Jeffrey Godel seconded
the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

Business:
The Vice Provost opened the meeting with the introduction of Shawn Schurr. Dr. Schurr will leave
her position as Vice Dean of Graduate Affairs in the College of Liberal Arts. She will join the
Graduate School as Associate Vice Provost on January 28.

Graduate program actions constituted the next order of business:

- Boyer College of Music and Dance proposes to establish instrument concentrations in the
  MM in Jazz Studies.
- Tyler School of Art proposes changes of array for its MFA programs, including Ceramics and
  Glass, Fibers and Materials Studies, Metals/Jewelry/Computer-Aided Design/Manufacturing,
  Painting, Photography, Printmaking, and Sculpture. Tyler also seeks to terminate the MFA in
  Illustration.
- The College of Liberal Arts proposes to establish an optional concentration in Quantitative
  Methods in the PhD in Psychology.
- Lew Klein College of Media and Communication proposes to rename the MS in
  Globalization and Development Communication as the MS in Communication for
  Development and Social Change.
• The School of Pharmacy proposes to establish both a graduate certificate and a post-master’s certificate in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing: Process Development and Analysis. The certificates require the same courses; enrollment is differentiated only by the student’s education level upon matriculation in the certificate program.
• The School of Theater, Film and Media Arts proposes to establish an MA in Theater Education.

Timothy Patterson motioned to endorse the graduate program and certificate actions. Kimberly Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Vice Provost introduced Jancy Munguia, a research analyst in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment. She presented the Graduate Board with an overview of the results of a graduate student survey conducted by her office in Spring 2018. The response rate was 33%, as compared to a response rate of 29% for a similar survey administered in Spring 2016. Graduate students on Main Campus only were surveyed. Their responses to five items demonstrated an overall satisfaction rate between 85% and 88% for each. A Graduate Board member asked, for future surveys, that graduate students in the Tyler School of Art who take classes at the Ambler Campus also be invited to participate in the survey.

No new business was raised. In old business, outcomes of dissertation and MFA project completion grants were noted. From Fall 2015 to Fall 2018, of the 258 total awardees, 161 finished on time, and only 9 have not finished to date. The Vice Provost also reminded the Board that fellowship nomination forms can be found in TUportal. Fellowship reviews will then be due January 30 for Round 1 and February 18 for Round 2.

**Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned @ 3:15 p.m.

The next Graduate Board meeting will be held on Main Campus in the Shimada Student Center, 150 Ritter Hall Annex, in Meeting Room RA 179, on Thursday, February 14, 2019, @ 2:30 p.m.