Minutes of the Graduate Board

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

3B Conwell Hall, Main Campus
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:
William Aaronson, Angelika Dimoka, Sherril Dodds, Deborah Drabick, Heather Gardiner, Jeffrey Godel, Crystal Harold, Cheryl Hyde, Dustin Kidd, Jagan Krishnan, Gerardo Mendoza, Elizabeth Cassidy Parker, Timothy Patterson, Joseph Picone, Gretchen Snethen

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
Michael Toner, Director of Student Services: Graduate Enrollment and Data Management

Approval of the Minutes:
Joseph Picone motioned to approve the minutes of September 13, 2018. Jagan Krishnan seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

Business:
Graduate program actions constituted the first order of business:

- The College of Public Health proposes to restructure its M.P.H. programs in Applied Biostatistics, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management, and Social and Behavioral Sciences from 45 to 42 credits. It also seeks to rename the Ph.D. in Health Policy as a Ph.D. in Health Policy and Health Services Research. Finally, it proposes a change of array for the graduate certificate in Clinical Health Services Research.
  Crystal Harold motioned to endorse the restructuring, renaming, and change of array for the graduate programs and certificate proposed by the College of Public Health. Dustin Kidd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- The Fox School of Business and Management proposes to establish an M.S. in Statistics and Data Science, as well as to rename three programs:
  - From the M.S. in Financial Analysis and Risk Management to the M.S. in Financial Analysis and Quantitative Risk Management,
  - From the M.S. in Financial Engineering to the M.S. in Quantitative Finance and Risk Management, and
  - From the M.S. in Investment Management to the M.S. in Financial Analysis.
  Fox also proposes a change of array for the M.S. in Human Resource Management.
  Deborah Drabick motioned to endorse the establishment, renaming, and change of array for Fox School's graduate programs. Dustin Kidd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- The College of Engineering proposes changes of array for three programs, including the Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, the M.S.E.E. in Electrical Engineering, and the M.S.M.E. in Mechanical
Engineering. Timothy Patterson motioned to endorse the changes of array. Cheryl Hyde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Finally, the College of Education proposes to establish required concentrations in the M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology, while Boyer College of Music and Dance proposes to establish an optional concentration in Guitar for the M.M. in Jazz Studies. Timothy Patterson motioned to endorse the new concentrations. Cheryl Hyde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Vice Provost next provided information on various topics:

- Board of Trustees’ meeting dates for action on graduate program submissions were provided for 2019. The Graduate Board will review proposals for the March 12 BOT meeting on January 16 and for the May 14 BOT meeting on February 14 and March 13.
- The Graduate School will now be cost-sharing travel for primary graduate student presenters of a research paper or poster at a national or international meeting of the student’s professional organization. Students must submit copies of their abstract, acceptance letter from the professional organization, and verifiable receipts. Funding at present totals $100,000.
- The Graduate School will also now cost-share recruitment advertising for graduate programs. A copy of the school’s or college’s recruitment plan and a statement on how the cost-sharing funds will improve outreach to potential graduate applicants, particularly at the master’s level, are required. Funding of $125,000 is available at present.
- Permission for undergraduate students to take graduate coursework in their last year as an undergraduate will be presented to the Council of Deans at its next meeting. Students are required to take 12 credits each semester toward their undergraduate degree if funded by loans, but can take up to 18 credits for the same cost. Requests to take a graduate course must be submitted and approved prior to the end of the drop/add period for the semester in which the course is taken.
- The Graduate School will provide a one-year extension of time for degree completion. Subsequent extensions of time will be granted only twice – and only for a six-month period each time. All benchmarks must be met to continue to receive these extensions.
- The Vice Provost noted that undergraduate GPAs are reported in Banner for only 4,541 graduate students (or 55.2%) of the 8,223 newly admitted from Spring 2016 through Fall 2018.

No new business was raised. In old business, the working definitions for the categories of visiting student scholars were revisited, including Visiting Research Scholar (VRS), Visiting Research Scholar in Residence (VRSR), Visiting Graduate Student Scholar, J-1 Graduate Student Intern, student enrolled full-time in an approved dual-degree program between Temple University and another accredited institution, and International Collaborative Research Program (ICRP) student. The definitions were approved by Hai-Lung Dai, Vice President for International Affairs. Approval is now being sought from Provost JoAnne Epps.

Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned @ 3:30 p.m.

The next Graduate Board meeting will be held on the Health Sciences Center Campus, in the Executive Conference Room on the 4th floor of the Student Faculty Center, on Thursday, November 15, 2018, @ 2:30 p.m.