Present: Kris Condic (Ex Officio), Ledong Li, Zissimos Mourelatos, Claire Rammel (Ex Officio), Meir Shillor, Claudia Petrescu (Chair), Mohammad-Reza Siadat, Julia Smith, Kris Thompson, Jennifer Vonk

Absent: Meghan Harris, Robert Noiva (Co-chair), and Rajeev Singhal

Staff: Tina Tucker (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:35PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer Vonk moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018, Graduate Council Meeting as corrected. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Revision: Correction of typos).

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

o Dr. Basem Alzahabi, President, Al Ghurair University, Dubai will be on campus Monday, March 26th, for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Approximately 120 proposals have been received for the Graduate Research Conference scheduled for March 9, 2018. Approximately twenty-five to twenty-seven proposals were rejected due to lack of findings in their research. More information regarding the Conference is on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

**MEd in Higher Education Leadership - Modification**
Assigned Mohammad-Reza Siadat and Jennifer Vonk as reviewers.

**MA in Communication 4+1 – New**
Assigned Zissimos Mourelatos and Julia Smith as reviewers.

OLD BUSINESS

**Graduate Certificate in Business Essentials - New**  Reviewers: Meghan Harris and Zissimos Mourelatos  
First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Following discussions, Zissimos Mourelatos made a motion to waive the second reading of the new Graduate Certificate in Business Essentials program proposal. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Zissimos Mourelatos moved to approve the new Graduate Certificate in Business Essential program proposal as written. Ledong Li seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ph.D. in Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders - New**  Reviewers: Meir Shillor and Jennifer Vonk  
Second Reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Following discussions, Julia Smith made a motion to approve the new PhD in Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders program proposal as written. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy Program - Modification**  
Reviewers: Kris Thompson and Jennifer Vonk  
Second Reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Following discussions, Kris Thompson moved to approve the Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy program modification proposal as written. Meir Shillor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies - New  Reviewers: Ledong Li and Wonjoo Yun
On Hold
Second Reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

No response from department regarding Graduate Council’s request for corrected/revised proposals prior to the second reading.

Post-Master Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies - New  Reviewers: Ledong Li and Wonjoo Yun
On Hold
Second Reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

No response from department regarding Graduate Council’s request for a corrected/revised proposal prior to the second reading.

Master of Science in Information Technology Program Modification Proposal (Name Change)
Work on Hold

Meir Shillor made a motion to table the Master of Science in Information Technology program name change proposal. Zissimos Mourelatos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Reported by Julia Smith, the next meeting of the Graduate Retention Meeting is scheduled for the week following the Winter Recess Break. At that time, they will be discussing financial issues. The group will also be following up with Grad Study concerning the ability of things such as being able to process Leave Forms through Banner so that faculty have the ability to see if a student is on leave. The group has been working with NingNing Zheng regarding mechanisms that are being used to report on retention.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 PM