

January 22, 2019 UCUI Meeting Notes

Present: Anne Hitt, Sarah Newton, ...

Meeting Note Taker: Sarah Newton

Guest: Susan Awbry

Discussed Accelerated Master's Degree (AMD) model. OU is looking for ways to attract and retain graduate students. The university is looking for a new, more flexible model. The AMD model is used at other universities around the state (e.g. WMU has 26 AMD programs). Grad Council has already voted to support the model. It is similar to the OU 4 + 1 model, so no new policy is required. Motion to support passed by a vote of 5:0.

Approval of Minutes from 12/3/2018

Minutes were approved by a vote of 5:0:1.

New 4 + 1, SHS UG Wellness and Health Promotion Program/Master of Public Health

The proposed 4 + 1 program would be a total of 156 credits. Three 5000 level courses (12 credits) would be taken in the student's senior year and they would double-count towards the MPH degree. Motion to recommend the proposal passed by a vote of 4:1.

English Department Decennial Program Review

Discussion postponed; too few voting members present. Committee reviewed the document, "Plans for Program Reviews in CAS"; it will guide the program review process in the future.

Higher Learning Commission (HLC)

HLC will be coming to OU on 2/4/2019 to conduct the university's 10 year comprehensive review. Meetings will be held that need UCUI members to attend. Anne will send an e-mail asking for volunteers.

New OU Grading Scale

Issues with the new grading scale/the scale's implementation were discussed. The SON raised concerns regarding why there is no A+ grade since all other letter grades include a (+) grade and the SON also feels that students should be recognized if they attain the highest level of achievement. There was discussion about how an A+ letter grade could still have 4.0 as its honor points (same as a letter grade of A).

Proposed Policy on Finals Week Exams

Discussion postponed; too few voting members present.

The next UCUI meeting is scheduled for ??? .