

MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Chair Brown (via phone)
Nicole Galster

Kathleen Hill (via phone)
Jill Mason (via phone)

Dan Peterson

University Staff and Faculty Present:

Erin Foley, VP Student Affairs/Dean of Students
MariaLynn Kessler, Humanities and Social Science Professor (via phone)
LeAnn Maupin, Acting Provost/Dean of the College of HAS (via phone)

Others Present:

Dr. Nagi Naganathan, President Designate (via phone)

1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. The Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

2. Action Items**2.1 Request to Recommend the HECC Approve the New Program: Masters in Applied Behavior Analysis, and Authorize Staff to Forward the Proposed Program to the Provost's Council**

Chair Brown acknowledged the presentation Professor Kessler made at the February 23, 2017 committee meeting regarding the proposed new program. **Professor Kessler** explained the new Practicum Coordinator (faculty) would be located in Klamath Falls in anticipation of building an on-site clinic and the second faculty position could be located at either campus. She clarified that the new faculty could teach undergraduate courses if there is demand and interest/expertise; the hub of the program could remain in Wilsonville or move to Klamath Falls depending on the location of the majority of students. She explained that keeping graduates in Oregon should not be an issue as the opportunity for jobs is greater in Oregon than California; she does not have information on the salary differential between the states. An applied research thesis is required in this degree because the profession is science based and students need to prove professional competency; accreditation standards require a thesis or a project similar to a thesis. External reviewers praised having a thesis but also addressed the additional workload on faculty and possible delayed graduations. The enrollment projection is conservative estimating 15 students per

year with no growth over time because accreditation is 6 years out; graduates are employable in this field without accreditation. **Trustee Brown requested staff ensure that all sites are accredited** even though it is believed accreditation is not campus based at this time. **Professor Kessler** stated there is currently no budget unit where the faculty costs would be allocated but they would be in HAS budget; the costs need to be built into FY 18 budget. There is no final decision on tenure-track faculty or 12-month non-tenure faculty. She believed the program would be pulled if it is not sustainable. Discussion regarding marketing for the university and the benefit by all programs. This would be the first program like this in Oregon. **Interim Provost Maupin** mentioned an email received this morning requesting the Committee not approve the program as it appears to not be mission centric/mission congruent and concern that the salaries at graduation are not sufficient to pay back debt.

Trustee Peterson moved to approve the MS in Applied Behavior Analysis, recommend the HECC approve the new program, and authorize staff to forward the proposed program to the Provost's Council. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

Chair Brown requested staff address any issues the Provost's Council identifies regarding the proposal, prior to sending the proposal to the HECC. **Trustee Peterson** asked those putting together the proposal to be thoughtful of the ideas and issues discussed in this meeting in terms of how the degree will be advanced.

A roll call vote was taken and with all Trustees present voting yes, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Fox
Board Secretary