

**Graduate Curriculum Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2021
via Zoom**

Members Present: Amanda Benzin, Cynthia Chovich, Erin Donovan, Philip Gustafson, Scott Kessler, Amanda Lavelle, James Perez, Alli Powell, Jun Watabe, and Eric Watters

Members Absent: Joshua Butler, Kyle Stone, Chris Dieni

Ex-officio members present: Barbara Borst, Janel Davis, Morgan Bridge

Recording Secretary: Aaron Osborne

Chair Chovich called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

I. Announcements

- a. This is the last meeting of the year. Chair Chovich thanked the Vice-Chair and the Committee for all their work moving GCC forward this year, especially this spring! Thanks also to Chair Chovich for stepping in and filling the Chair Position this January.

II. Unfinished Business

- a. There was none.

III. Curriculum Proposals

The committee discussed the deletion of the Occupational Therapy Doctorate. While the OTD program was approved by GCC, the BOT and CDHE, the program was never implemented. Instead the MS in Occupational Therapy was created and approved this year. The deletion of the OTD program follows the deletion of all courses associated with the program. Benzin made a motion to delete the Occupational Therapy Doctorate. Watters seconded. The motion carried.

IV. New Business

- a. Election of Officers for next year occurred. Cindy Chovich was nominated by Amanda Benzin. The nomination was seconded by Eric Watters. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations to Chair Chovich and thank you for agreeing to serve in this position.
- b. Election of the Vice-Chair followed. Amanda Benzin was nominated by Cindy Chovich. The nomination was seconded by Philip Gustafson. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to serve in this position.
- c. The GCC Year-End Report will be included with the minutes and sent out to Committee Members. Please review the report and insure all proposals are listed correctly. The complete Year-End Report will be sent later this spring for GCC approval.

V. Information Items

Training for new faculty and new GCC members is in the planning stages, to occur this fall. Chair Chovich asked for suggestions of information to be included. The following areas were asked to be included in the fall trainings: academic and student engagement minute calculations, laying the groundwork so committee members better understand proposals currently in progress, and the benefit of sending the SLOs and library requests ahead of workflow.

Discussion occurred around reminding the committee that some committee terms are ending. If your term is up, please contact your department head and let them know if you are interested in serving again (if you can). Please let Chair Chovich know if you are staying or leaving GCC, and who your replacement will be as soon as you know if you are leaving.

Adjournment:

With no objections from the committee, Chair Chovich adjourned the meeting at 4:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Osborne, April 8, 2021.

Occupational Therapy (OTD)	Program Inactivation – Approved (4/7/21)	Benzin Watters
<p>GCC Discussion: While the OTD program was approved by GCC, the BOT and CDHE, the program was never implemented. Instead the MS in Occupational Therapy was created and approved this year. The deletion of the OTD program follows the deletion of all courses associated with the program.</p>		
Change Item Description	Departmental Justification	
Delete Proposal: No differences to report	<p>In Spring 2020 the CMU decided to postpone the start of the Occupation Therapy Doctorate Program from January 2021 to January 2022. This postponement was due in large part to the uncertainty of the financial impact of COVID-19. President Foster, Dr. Haas, and Mr. Pinnow, in consultation with Dr. Hawkins, Department Head, Department of Kinesiology, and Dr. McDonald, OTD Program Director, made this decision. In Fall 2020, the same individuals revisited the launch of the OTD program, with encouragement from President Foster to change the program from an OTD to a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT). When the development of the OTD program was first proposed, the governing bodies for the practice of occupational therapy had mandated that to enter the profession, a doctoral degree would be required. Since that time, they have backed off on that mandate. Because one can practice occupational therapy with a master’s degree, we decided not requiring a degree beyond what practice requires would be a wise move for CMU. As such, the program switched from an OTD to an MSOT. The new courses fall into alignment with master’s degree level standards, as does the new program proposal. The doctoral courses are being inactivated because this program will not be offered in the foreseeable future and the courses, in many instances, have duplicate content.</p>	