AGENDA:

1. Introduction of new members – Betty Mei, Special Assistant to the Associate Provost for Graduate Academic Affairs.

2. Approval of minutes from September 2017 Council meeting.

   Action
   - Motion was made to approve minutes
   - Motion approved
     - It was noted that for the sake of timeliness, draft (rather than final approved) minutes will be shared with the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee.

3. Program proposals –

   a. Intent to plan: Ph.D. in Higher Education (key 855)

      i. Nate Sorber of CEHS presented the need and rationale for the new program, and also explained the difference between the existing EdD program and the proposed PhD program.

      Rationale – The PhD in higher education program will educate future scholars, teachers, and policy analysts who will critically analyze higher education issues and chart the future of American’s colleges and universities in West Virginia and beyond.

      ii. Questions from the Council included the seemingly low six credit hours of practicum, the distinction between the current EdD and the proposed PhD programs, and the challenge of identifying and transferring of students in the current EdD program into the PhD program.

      Action
      - Motion was made to approve the Intent to Plan.
      - Motion was approved with a request for more information in the full proposal concerning the critical mass of faculty resources needed to maintain both an EdD and PhD in Higher Education, and how the program might provide teaching experience for the doctoral students.
b. New Area of Emphasis proposal: Veterans Psychology (within the PhD in Counseling Psychology) (key 832)
   i. Jeff Daniels of CEHS presented the need for this new AoE. In addition to the coursework, students will be expected to do a year-long practicum at a VA hospital. Students could also serve as counselors at the Carruth Center. There are many job outlets after graduation for students who choose this AoE.

   **Rationale** – Currently there is no doctoral program with a specific focus on Veterans Psychology. One goal of this proposed Area of Emphasis is to train culturally competent counseling psychologists to provide direct care services to veterans and their families. Second, this program will facilitate veteran-related research and dissertations that will contribute to the growing knowledge base on serving veterans and their families.

   ii. The question of whether a certificate program or an AoE was most appropriate for this group of courses. The Council recommended that the program consider the benefits of each approach.

   **Action**
   - Motion was made to approve this program as either a certificate or an AoE, depending on the program’s decision. Katherine will approve whichever proposal is resubmitted.
   - Motion was approved.

c. New program proposal: MS in Business Cybersecurity Management (key 965) – intent to plan was approved at the last Graduate Council meeting.
   i. Mark Gavin and Virginia Kleist of the College of Business and Economics, who presented the intent to plan last month, returned to present additional information about the program proposal. A letter of support has been obtained from the Statler College of Engineering in support of the proposed new program.

   **Rationale** – According to the West Virginia University Provost’s Cybersecurity Taskforce, there is a significant need for cybersecurity talent. Currently no degree exists at WVU that allows for the existing courses to be packaged together in a manner that allows for a corresponding degree that addresses the needs of the cybersecurity community. The only school in the state to offer a master's degree in Cybersecurity is the University of Charleston.

   **Action**
   - Motion was made to approve the program.
   - Motion was approved.

d. Program change: MBA (key 54) – changes in course requirements and total credit hours.
   i. Elizabeth Vitullo and Mark Gavin of the College of Business and Economics presented details of the proposed changes.

   **Rationale** – The proposed program revisions call for a substantial change from 50 credit hours to 36 credit hours. It provides for a May graduation that puts graduates on a cycle that is consistent with the standard recruiting schedules of potential employers. The proposed
program also provides a value-enhancing component: experiential and service learning outside the College, which will be of interest to employers. The proposed program revisions will provide a workforce that aids in economic development in the state and the region.

**Action**
- Motion was made to approve the program changes.
- Motion was approved.

4. Proposal to revise section 4.1.2 of the Graduate Council bylaws.
   a. Refer to the bylaws at [https://graduateeducation.wvu.edu/graduate-council/graduate-council-information/graduate-council-bylaws](https://graduateeducation.wvu.edu/graduate-council/graduate-council-information/graduate-council-bylaws).

4.1.2 Selection

Eligible faculty members may be selected for service as voting members of the University Graduate Council in one of the two following ways:
- The college/school/Health Sciences graduate committee or Dean/designee may seek nominations and conduct an election with all regular and associate members of the graduate faculty eligible to vote.
- The college/school/Health Sciences graduate committee or Dean/designee may select a regular or associate member of the graduate faculty to be the representative to the University Graduate Council.
- At least one representative from each college/school must be a regular or ex-officio member of their college/school graduate committee.

b. Proposed revision: Delete the second bullet point.

**Action**
- Motion was made to approve the proposal and seconded.
- Motion failed with four abstentions.

5. New business – None.

6. Adjournment.

**Action**
- Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm.
- Motion was approved.