Voting Members Present: Dana Malkus, Beth Gockel-Blessing, Takako Nomi, Jen Jen Chang, Joe Lyons, Katie Mascari, Kristi Ritcher (proxy for Steven McMillin), Nicole Pozzi, Tricia Bagsby, Ranjith Bandari, Will Rehg, Zhenguo Lin, Marissa Cope

Non-voting Members Present: Jennifer Popiel, Janie Henderson, Jay Haugen, Nicole Mispagel

Members Absent: Steven McMillin, Ness Sandoval, Helen Lach, Dana Baum, Ashley Yukhiro

Guests: Naresh Bansal, Chair of Finance, Chaifetz School of Business

I. Approval of October Minutes: Approved.

II. Discussions

1. New Program Proposals:
   a. MS Finance (Courseleaf CIM proposal) – Naresh Bansal, Chair of Finance
   Dr. Bansal introduced the Finance program proposal to the committee. The aim of the program is to increase FinTech, grow faculty in the department and to meet market demand. The proposal asks for the creation of four new courses, and one course update. GAAC members asked questions regarding the approval of courses and syllabi within the finance department. The program was approved unanimously.

2. Program Closures
   a. Pathology, Ph.D. and Occupational Therapy (OTD) programs are up for closure. The Pathology program only has one-student. There are no incoming students, or students who need curriculum extensions. The OTD program currently has no students. There’s been a lack of interest in the program, and high turnover of faculty and staff. In the future, the program may return if there is a need.
   Program closures were approved with no issues.

3. Program Change Proposals
   a. M.P.H. Program (Courseleaf CIM proposal)
In order to remain compliant and competitive, proposed change of credit hours of 42 to 48. Committee members questioned how the program certificate changes will be communicated to students? Dr. Chang explained that the change will occur in language only. Curriculum content and substance would remain unchanged. Additionally, the competency concentration will be retained. The six additional hours will enable students to receive two sets of discipline competencies. Motion was approved unanimously.

b. Program Degree and Name Change FYI: MS Health Administration—previously MHCM Master of HealthCare Management (Courseleaf CIM proposal). No votes yet. Dr. Chang suggested systemic changes in the future and to clean up current course offerings. The motion was not brought to a vote. Will be tabled until the December meeting.

4. Old/Ongoing business
   a. Dual Degree Program: MSW and MS Applied Behavior Analysis: This was approved by CAD and the Provost. No additional approvals are needed because it is a dual degree program.
   b. Policy Review: Independent and Directed Study Courses Dr. Trees sent an updated version of the policy addressing previous concerns about credit hour limitations and separating from Independent Study. The change has already gone into effect. Will not be voting on this motion. Dr. Rehg provided feedback asking that the policy include how it will define “credit” limitations. He also voiced concern about the Senior Honors Project 4990 course being confused with the 4980 course. Dr. Tress will talk to Jay Haugen and Lisa Dorsey about clarification and how it will lead to a proposed change. This will be readdressed at next month’s meeting.