

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – August 30, 2012

Meeting Location: Room 3007, Psychology Building

Present: Brenda Dyal, William Faux, Janet Foster, Alfred Fuciarelli (presiding), Susan Hagood, E-Ling Hsiao, Fred Knowles, Jim Loughry, Ellice Martin, Rusty McClung, Michael Sanger, Nancy Swanson, Harold Thiele (for Wallace Koehler), David Wasieleski. Guests: Larry Hilgert, Jackson Rainer, Tiara Ross, Rich Vodde, Rebecca Waters, Mary Eleanor Wickersham, Teresa Williams, and Robert Yehl .

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred Fuciarelli at 1:35 PM. Committee members and guests were asked to introduce themselves.

The 3/29/12 meeting minutes were approved.

ARTS & SCIENCES

Curriculum Change – MS Criminal Justice; Revised Catalog Copy – MSCJ; Revised Course – CRJU 7910: Fred Knowles reported that the CJ program has received numerous requests for accepting the MAT in lieu of the GRE for admission into its master's program. For example, DPA students can supplement their studies with the master's degree in criminal justice. The proposals also reactivate an internship for actual field work. The revised course proposal for CRJU 7910 increases the maximum required credit hours from 3 to 6. The committee recommended that the GRE scores listed as a part of the admissions requirements be updated to current ETS scales. An edited curriculum change form will be delivered to the Graduate School. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved contingent upon changes in GRE requirements. (Received and delivered to Academic Committee on 9-10-12.)

Revised Catalog Copy – Marriage and Family Therapy (5 proposals): Kate Warner explained that the changes were driven by new language in accrediting standards reflecting the MFT Core Competencies that underpin accrediting guidelines. This includes adding a philosophy statement to the student learning outcomes. The proposals also update the student outcomes assessment process. The final proposal updates the language regarding membership for new graduates in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Students must become "associate members" before they can become eligible for clinical membership. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

Curriculum Change – PADM Certificate Program: Mary Eleanor Whickersham explained that recent strategic planning activities identified an opportunity for continuing education students to gain expertise in their fields through a certificate program. Students can take courses online or through Moody Air Force Base. Prospective students must have a baccalaureate's degree and would be admitted through the Graduate School as non-degree seeking. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved with edits.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

New Course – MBA 7640: Nancy Swanson (proxy for Mel Schnake) mentioned that the MBA program was recently revised to require two electives. This new course will provide another elective from which MBA students can choose. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Change – EDS School Psychology; New Course – PSYC 8895; Revised Catalog Copy – EDS School Psychology: Larry Hilgert reported that the forms are being submitted to correct a previous error in program/curriculum changes submitted in 2011. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Deficiency Points: The question brought to the committee – will deficiency points be counted in a course that is taken outside of a major? For example, if a MSW student takes a PADM course, will deficiency points count if the grade for the PADM course is an F or U? The consensus was to leave the decision to the program. If the Graduate School sees a problem, the administrative coordinator will contact the department to determine if the course should be counted. The current operating procedure seems to be working as is.
2. Full Graduate Faculty Status Renewal: Faculty from Curriculum, Leadership, and Technology asked the committee whether or not it was necessary for those with full status applying for renewal to submit the entire application packet? Should the process be linked to a person's most recent successful personnel action? Suggestions included a three-year renewal time line for full status, submitting the last five years' annual evaluations, and utilizing Digital Measures in the application process. A sub-committee will be formed to examine the current process.
3. Graduate Student Enrollment: Dr. Fuciarelli mentioned that there is a 3.1% decrease in VSU's overall enrollment, but the good news is that there is a 6.3% increase in enrollment in graduate programs. Dr. Fuciarelli shared handouts showing the Fall 2012 Enrollment Comparison and enrollment in doctoral and master's/specialists programs.
4. GEC Sub-Committees: Dr. Fuciarelli outlined current sub-committee memberships and asked for additional volunteers:
 - a. Graduate Membership Committee: Nolan Argyle, Bill Faux, Michael Sanger, Rusty McClung, and Brenda Dyal. (The next application deadline is September 14.)
 - b. Graduate Faculty Scholarship Committee: Mary Block, Wallace Koehler, Brenda Dyal, Bill Faux, Nancy Swanson, and Janet Foster.
 - c. Graduate Student Strategic Assistantship (GSSA) Committee: Membership from all colleges is in place.
5. Graduate Student Symposium: There has been discussion to include the undergraduate symposium in the new president's inauguration week in early April 2013, possibly ending the week with the graduate symposium. More information to follow as it becomes available.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 2:40 pm.

Teresa Williams

Teresa Williams, Recorder

Alfred F. Fuciarelli

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