

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – February 26, 2013

Meeting Location: Room 3007, Psychology Building

Present: Mary Block (w/proxy for Fred Knowles), Katharine Adams (for David Wasieleski), E-Ling Hsiao, Wallace Koehler, Georgia Langford (for Susan Hagood), James LaPlant (presiding), Jim Loughry (w/proxy for Michael Davey), Ellice Martin, Xavier McClung, Corine Myers-Jennings, Michael Sanger, Maura Schlairet (for Brenda Dyal), and Sherman Yehl (for Nolan Argyle). Guests: Leon Pate, Sydney Haire, Rebecca Waters, and Teresa Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James LaPlant at 1:33 PM.

After introductions, the January 31, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Motion was made and seconded to review the following COBA proposals as a group. The proposals were approved.

Revised Catalog Copy – MACC, MBA, WebMBA: Dean Wayne Plumly said that the revisions will add a new track to the MBA program – Healthcare Administration. Research revealed that a 45% increase in healthcare management jobs is expected in the next few years. The new concentration would aid students searching for jobs in healthcare and risk management, insurance, management of a doctor's office, a nursing home, or an entire hospital. An undergraduate degree with the same concentration is also being developed. The target date to begin this new track is fall 2013. The proposal does not have to be routed through Board of Regents for approval since it is not a new degree – just a new track.

Curriculum Change – MBA with Healthcare Administration Track; New Courses – MBA 7800, 7810, 7820, 7830, 7840, 7850, 7860, 7870, 7899: Dr. Plumly reported that the proposals are in keeping with starting the new healthcare administration track, adding courses for the program.

Revised Course – MACC 7980: The proposal updates the prerequisite for this course - a workshop is now required.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Revised Catalog Copy (2) – EDD in Leadership: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Leon Pate said that the proposals update the test score requirements and define concentrations for the EDD in Leadership. The proposals were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Graduate Assistantships. James LaPlant reported that his first charge as interim dean of the Graduate School is to develop a plan for the allocation of graduate assistantships for next year. Stipends will be reviewed. Good news – the budget will be the same as this year's budget. A proposal for the Dean's Council is being reviewed. One change will be to combine the GSSA budget with the graduate

assistant budget and allow students already in the GSSA program to finish their award and cycle out of the program. The question of funding student travel was raised. No funds are available through the Graduate School. The Provost's office has a pool of money for students traveling to present at conferences but that pool is already exhausted for this fiscal year.

2. Marketing Funds. Dr. LaPlant mentioned that Andy Clark (Enrollment Management) has offered \$20,000 toward advertisement of graduate programs. Marketing can include brochures and other materials, billboards, radio spots on Georgia Public Radio and packets for delivery to teacher lounges across the state. Clark suggested we be proactive and target the right places. Rebecca Waters said that Graduate School admissions staff would be happy to visit classes to discuss the admissions process, and that they attend various fairs similar to the upcoming jobs fair hosted by Career Services. Spring seems to be the best time to recruit and open doors with more results.
3. Topics from the Floor:
 - i. New Dean's Search: A search will be conducted but it will be up to the new provost and the president when to begin the search.
 - ii. Graduate Student Symposium – Friday, April 12. A record number of 57 nominations were submitted and approved. Abstracts and posters are being gathered for the event.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 2:35 pm.

Proposals approved by committee e-mail March 6, 2013:

Department of Art – Curriculum Change and Deactivation of Courses: The changes include the removal of catalog copy and the deactivation of four courses in the M.Ed. Art Education program. The GaPSC is no longer supporting this program.

Teresa Williams

Teresa Williams, Recorder

James T. LaPlant

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