

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – February 2, 2012

Meeting Location: Room 3007, Psychology Building

Present: Shirley Andrews (for Janet Foster), Nolan Argyle, Michael Davey, Dianne Dees, William Faux, Alfred Fuciarelli (presiding), Lyle Indergaard, Wallace Koehler, George Langford, Jim Loughry, Ellice Martin, Rusty McClung, Nancy Swanson, David Wasieleski, Maria Whyte, John Woodruff (for MCL).
Guests: Brenda Dyal, Sade Miller, Teresa Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred Fuciarelli at 1:35 PM.

The minutes from January's meeting were approved.

Education

Curriculum Change – MED Early Childhood Education; New Courses – ECED 7340 & 6000; Revised Courses ECED 7210, 7220, 7540, 7550, 8230: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Shirley Andrews explained that new Professional Standards Commission now requires teachers to complete graduate programs in the field in which they are teaching in order to upgrade to T-5 certificates. The new and revised courses reflect the changes in the current curriculum. The effective dates for all of the proposals were changed to summer 2012. The proposals were approved.

Library & Information Science

Revised Catalog Copy – MLIS Program: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Wallace Koehler said the proposal was in keeping with MLIS accreditation by restating program requirements. The proposal was approved.

College of Nursing

Revised Catalog Copy – MS in Nursing: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Maria Whyte reported that changes in the AGNP program removed the statistics prerequisite and changes in the scoring of the GRE mandated an update to the program's admissions requirements. The proposals were approved.

Curriculum Change - MSN Clinical Leader Track; Revised Course – NURS 7420: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dr. Whyte explained that the curriculum change and revised course would reduce the number of clinic hours in one semester, breaking down the barrier for completion of the program for working MSN students. The proposals were approved.

Curriculum Change – MSN Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Track, Revised Courses-NURS 7011, 7220: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dr. Whyte said that the nursing certifying bodies require changes in curriculum, adjusting credit hours in statistics thus streamlining the curriculum and courses. The proposals were approved.

Curriculum Change – MSN Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Track, Revised Courses-NURS 7330, 7330L, 7350, 7350L: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dr. Whyte explained that courses in the certificate program will not be offered. The revised course proposals will clarify the course's progression since courses are not sequential. The proposals were approved.

Other Business

1. Graduate Student Symposium – Friday, April 20, 2012. Time: 3:00-6:00 pm. A Call for Nominations was distributed to committee members. Deadline for submission – March 15.
2. Undergraduate Research Symposium – April 4-6, 2012. Dr. Fuciarelli reported that this will be the first university-wide event with three full days of activities.
3. Graduate Student Strategic Assistantships – A draft of the application for summer/fall 2012 GSSA awards with a proposed deadline of April 1, 2012, was distributed. The GSSA Advisory Committee will be meeting on Friday, February 17, to review applications received on December 9, 2011.
4. Spring Graduate Faculty Application Deadline – Applications for associate or full status are due Friday, February 17, 2012.
5. Deficiency Point Policy for Undergraduates Taking Graduate Courses (discussed prior to approval of January minutes): In the last meeting of the Graduate Executive Committee, it was agreed that deficiency points would carry over if an undergraduate took graduate-level courses and applied the courses to their graduate degrees, and that students' graduate advisors would determine whether or not to accept the courses. Of concern: some advisors may accept the courses and points; others may not. Dr. Fuciarelli mentioned that all should explore options for the next meeting and possibly change the wording in the catalog, and that he would prepare a policy statement.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 3:00 pm.

Teresa Williams

Teresa Williams, Recorder

Alfred Fuciarelli

Alfred F. Fuciarelli, Ph.D., Assistant VP
and Dean of the Graduate School