

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – March 31, 2011

Present: Nolan Argyle, Melissa Benton, Mary Block, Dianne Dees, Nathan Elliott, Lyle Indergaard, Wallace Koehler (presiding for Karla Hull), Ellice Martin, Reynaldo Martinez, Brian Ring (for Jim Loughry), Michael Sanger, Mel Schnake, Nancy Swanson, David Wasieleski. Guests: Ashok Kumar, Samantha Walls, Rebecca Waters, Teresa Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Koehler at 2:05 PM.

Minutes from February's meeting were approved.

Arts & Sciences

BIOL 5630, 5680, 5850 – New Courses: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Brian Ring explained that plant-oriented faculty in Biology identified BIOL 5630, biology of horticulture, as a desirable addition to their plant science track. BIOL 5680, a plant pathology course, is relevant to students interested in the plant biology track, and BIOL 5850, Medical and Veterinary Entomology, meets research interests in entomology or wildlife biology, medical and allied health professions, veterinary medicine, or forensic sciences. The second course's syllabus did not have a grading rubric. The proposals were approved with suggestion to correct the BIOL 5680 syllabus.

MATH 6910 – Revised Course: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Ashok Kumar said that the proposal adds the pre-requisite to match the pre-requisite for MATH 4910. The proposal was approved.

PADM 7500, 7510, 7420 – New Courses: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Nolan Argyle reported that the courses are designed to provide more offerings for MPA students and areas of concentration for DPA students. A public policies focus is being developed; offered to graduate students every other year. The proposals were approved.

Education

EDS C&I – Revised Catalog Copy: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Ellice Martin explained that the EDS in Curriculum and Instruction with a Major in Teaching and Learning-Exemplary Teaching (a GeorgiaOnMyLine program), is changing the "specialized" courses available to include courses numbered 5000 and above, as approved by program advisors. These courses will enhance students' professional preparation by including 5000-level courses in gifted endorsement and special education. The proposal was approved.

Alternative Certification Programs as MAT Programs – Name Change: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Ellice Martin said that the change offers two ways for a student to seek initial certification – one for full-time students and one for working teachers. The current working teacher option is labeled as a MED degree (ACT). This name change would provide consistency in the identification of the nature and purpose of the degree and programs of study for candidates seeking initial certification. The proposal was approved.

Nursing

NURS 7250 – New Course: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Melissa Benton reported that this course is a part of a set of four courses that will be transferable in consortium collaboration between VSU's College of Nursing and Georgia State University and the Health Sciences University of Georgia in

order to deliver psychiatric nurse practitioner and psychiatric clinical nurse specialist programs in Georgia. The proposal was approved.

Other Business

1. Spring Graduate Faculty Nominations: All were approved (Kenneth Stanley's will be moved to temporary status since he will be returning as 49% faculty in August).
2. GRE Update: Rebecca Waters reminded the committee that the GRE is being restructured in the fall so scores may not be available in time for spring deadlines. Prospective students should test before July 2011.

The question was asked at the last meeting – would programs consider waiving the GRE requirement if an applicant's undergraduate GPA was 3.0 or better. Data had been distributed in February's meeting. A few program coordinators responded: Adult & Career Education would consider the waiver; MBA would still use the GMAT as a predictor of performance; MLIS reviewed data and determined not helpful; Psychology wanted to review data.

3. Residency Update: Ms. Waters explained that admissions staff must verify Georgia residency for in-state tuition assignment. This is a Board of Regents' requirement. Students are first coded as non-residents until residency is verified.
4. Third Annual Graduate Research & Scholarship Symposium: Teresa Williams reported that the date of the symposium is April 29 (4:00 to 6:00 pm) in the UC Magnolia Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Teresa Williams

Recorder, Teresa Williams

Wallace Koehler

Wallace Koehler for Karla Hull

Approved after March 31 meeting via email:

Graduate School Revised Catalog Copy – Deficiency Point System

EDS School Psychology - Curriculum Change
PSYC 7500 – New Course

MAT Special Education, Adapted Curriculum - Curriculum Change
SEAC 5520, 6110 – Revised Courses

MED Reading Education – Curriculum Change (adding EDUC 5999)

MLIS Program – Curriculum Changes

1. Delete admissions requirement for GRE/MAT
2. Strengthen essay requirement for admissions
3. Correct catalog copy – spring application deadline October 15
4. Grade requirement for MLIS 7000 (B or better)