

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – March 28, 2013

Meeting Location: Room 3007, Psychology Building

Present: Mary Block, Rick Carpenter (for Michael Davey), Matthew Grant (for Susan Hagood), Sanjay Gupta (for Mel Schnake), Lyle Indergaard, Fred Knowles (for Nancy Swanson), James LaPlant (presiding), Lars Leader (for E-Ling Hsiao), Don Leech (for Janet Foster), Jim Loughry, Ellice Martin (for Xavier McClung), Corine Myers-Jennings, Michael Sanger, David Wasieleski, and Sherman Yehl (for Nolan Argyle). Guests: Lauren Braun, Rebecca Waters, and Teresa Williams.

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

International Programs: Ms. Lauren Braun spoke to the committee about application processes for graduate and undergraduate international students and scholarship/tuition waiver opportunities for students.

The February 28, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

Spring Graduate Faculty Nominations were approved.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Revised Catalog Copy – EDS in Teacher Leadership: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Ellice Martin said that the EDS in Teacher Leadership proposal will facilitate the implementation of the Prior Learning Assessment strategy with VSU's Complete College Georgia. The change allows prior coursework to serve as transfer credit. The proposal was approved.

Revised Catalog Copy - Early Childhood Special Ed; MED in Early Childhood (Scores & Admissions); Endorsement in Physical and Health Disabilities; MAT in Special Ed: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Don Leech explained that the first proposal calls for minor edits in the catalog based on best practices. The changes for the MED programs clarify requirements for test scores and admissions. The changes also reflect that the 5th Year SEEC certification program is no longer being offered due to low enrollment, and the Endorsement in Physical and Health Disabilities is being deactivated. The proposals were approved.

Informational Purposes - Course Deactivations: Early Childhood and Special Education – SPEC 5270 & 5260.

SOCIAL WORK

Revised Courses - MSW 7300, 7310, 7320: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Michael Sanger said that pre-requisites are being deleted and co-requisites are being eliminated. The proposals were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Graduate Assistantships: James LaPlant distributed a handout commenting that the competition for appointments is high. The Graduate School Strategic Assistantship (GSSA) funds are now combined with the general GA fund for a total of \$1,032,259. Every Strategic Focus project with GAs will have permanent funding, which is very

good news. We will have a single pool of money to evaluate and increase stipends for consistency across the board.

2. Graduate Symposium: Dr. LaPlant reminded the committee that the graduate symposium is scheduled for Friday, April 12 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm with 57 nominations, a record number.
3. Topics from the Floor:
 - i. Graduation: For spring commencement, doctoral students are being asked to order tams as a part of their regalia, per President McKinney. Another change is that only one faculty mentor can hood students. Lastly, summer's commencement will be a combined ceremony (undergraduates and graduate students) on Saturday, July 27 at 10:00 am in the PE Complex.
 - ii. Graduate faculty research funds: Graduate faculty can confer with Dr. LaPlant to see if there are any extra funds.
 - iii. Super sections: Supplying graduate assistants for super sections will be contingent upon classes making; as soon as the enrollment benchmark is met, a GA position can be committed to the class (possibly as early as May or June).
 - iv. Provost's search: Dr. LaPlant reported that it was declared a failed search. An interim provost will likely be appointed for 2013-2014.
 - v. Reminders: QEP undergraduate proposals for grants up to \$40,000 are due in April, and the Undergraduate Research Symposium is set for April 1 and 2.

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

Teresa Williams

Teresa Williams, Recorder

James T. LaPlant

James T. LaPlant, Ph.D., Interim AVP for
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Approved by GEC 8-29-13.