

## GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – February 20, 2014

Meeting Location: 1103 Converse Hall

Present: Mary Block, Jennifer Branscome, Janet Foster, Matt Grant, Rebecca Green (for Brenda Dyal), E-Ling Hsiao, Lyle Indergaard, Sandra Kregar, James LaPlant (presiding), Jim Loughry, Ellice Martin, David Nelson, Jim Peterson (for Sherman Yehl), Michael Sanger, Mel Schnake. Guests: Patti Campbell, Kelly Heckaman, Pat Miller, Rebecca Petrella, Barbara Radcliffe, Tiara Ross, Richard Schmertzing, Teresa Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James LaPlant at 2:03 PM.

Minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting were approved.

Pat Miller (English) shared her plan to offer ENGL 8300 this summer. The very intense writing course was developed to help identify those students that need assistance with writing at the graduate level. Students can evaluate their own writing and that of their peers through an analysis of their arguments. The course will be offered during Summer II, it is completely online with a 5:00-6:00 pm component on Tuesdays.

Dr. Miller's class ties in with the spirit of the Writing Quality Task Force which will help determine best practices available for graduate students struggling to write sound arguments in their theses and dissertations, but not dictate those practices for departments. The committee's first meeting is on March 10.

### College of Education and Human Services

Curriculum Change – MS Clinical Psychology; Revised Course – PSYC 7971; Deactivation – PSYC 7972: Jennifer Branscome said that the practicum taken in two semesters are being collapsed into one course – 7950. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

Curriculum Change – EDS School Counseling; Revised Catalog Change – EDS School Counseling; Revised Courses – SCHC 8400, PSYC/SCHC 8400: Jennifer Branscome said that the program is deactivating PSYC 8150 and 8500 and adding pilot courses (SCHC 8150, 8220, and 8300) instead of offering them as special topics courses under SCHC 8400. The program is also updating its GRE and MAT scoring language according to ETS wording and other departments naming average test scores rather than exact numbers. The Committee asked if the MAT score of 290 is correct – should it be 390? (Dr. Branscome reviewed with her department – the score is 390.) Motion was made to accept; seconded. The proposals were approved with edits.

Curriculum Change – MAT Special Education; MAT Special Education Admissions Requirements; Curriculum Change – MAT Special Education in General Curriculum; Course Deactivations – SEGC 6010, 6100: Kelly Heckaman explained that the curriculum changes are cleaning up the language in the catalog and that the GaPSC has broadened its requirements for admission to MAT programs. The deactivations will clean up the programs of study, and the web pages will be streamlined for students searching for information. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved with edits.

Revised Courses – EDET 8880, 8040: Barbara Radcliffe said that the revised courses clean up prerequisites. EDET 8040 had a pre- and co-requisite; it will now have only a pre-requisite. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

Curriculum Change – EDS Special Education: Patti Campbell said that the proposal will add RSCH 7100 and clean up any repetition of 8000, and that the change for SPEC 8060 goes into effect fall 2014. Course substitution forms can be used to update programs of study. The motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved.

Revised Catalog Copy – MAT in Middle Grades or Secondary Education: Barbara Radcliffe explained that all COEHS programs are updating their minimum undergraduate GPA requirements for entry into their programs. This change is also required by the Council for Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP). The motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved.

New Course – CIED 7604: Richard Schmerzting said that the course will be offered as pedagogy of race and culture in schools, and open the course to education specialists and master's students as a result of new standards mandated by the state. The motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved.

**Other Business:**

1. Graduate Student Graduation: Dr. LaPlant said that a new application for requesting to walk early at graduation is being created and should be available in March. Students must be within six hours of graduating and have a least a 3.0 graduate grade point average, but requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
2. Graduate Student Travel Funds: Dr. LaPlant reported that so far five applications for student travel funds have been approved. He hopes to increase the amount available along with marketing fund requests.
3. Graduate Student Symposium: Teresa Williams said that the date for the symposium is April 25, 2014. Event Time and Location: 4:00-6:00 pm in the University Center Magnolia Room. Nominations are needed!

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 3:12 pm.

*Teresa Williams*

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Teresa Williams, Recorder

*James T. LaPlant*

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