

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – October 24, 2013

Meeting Location: Room 3007, Psychology Building

Present: Jennifer Branscome (for David Wasieleski), Brenda Dyal, Janet Foster, Dixie Haggard (for Mary Block), E-Ling Hsiao, Lyle Indergaard, Fred Knowles, Sandra Kregar, James LaPlant (presiding), Corine Myers-Jennings, David Nelson, Barbara Radcliffe (for Ellice Martin), Michael Sanger, Mel Schnake, Nancy Swanson, Matt Waters (for Jim Loughry), Sherman Yehl. Guests: Rebecca Petrella, Nanci Scheetz, Teresa Williams.

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

Minutes from the September 19, 2013 meeting were approved.

Nominations for Fall 2013 Graduate Faculty Appointment were approved.

College of the Arts

Revised Catalog Copy (5) MA Communication Arts Admissions Updates/Thesis-Project Option: Motion was made to approve; seconded. David Nelson said that the changes would update the old GRE requirements, add the Miller's Analogies Test (MAT), and add a project option (instead of thesis) for those MAC students not wanting to pursue the Ph.D. Revised Course – COMM 7999: Dr. Nelson said that the change updates the thesis/project hours. The proposals were approved after discussion about the credit hours required for the thesis/project.

College of Arts and Sciences

New Courses – HIST 5250, 6209, 6215, 6296: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dixie Haggard explained that with new faculty in place, the proposed courses fill a gap in the areas of European, World history, and Civil Rights history. The proposals were approved.

College of Education and Human Services

Revised Catalog Copy (2) and Curriculum Change – MED & MAT Special Education Deaf Ed; New Course – DEAF 6100; Revised Courses DEAF 6110, 6030, 6020, 6000, 6010, 5380, 5370, 5310, 5010, 5020: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Nanci Scheetz said the proposals revise curriculum with one proposal adding a track to the Deaf Education program; Track 1 is a continuation of the BSEd awarded to undergraduate students in Deaf Education who have completed their program at VSU. Track 2 would provide an avenue for admitting students into the master level classes, culminating with an MED. A new course to the MAT in Deaf Ed (DEAF 6100) will be added. Teachers need to be proficient in American Sign Language (ASL), so the primary change adds a pre-requisite for proficiency. The proposals were approved with minor changes.

College of Nursing and Health Services

Curriculum Change – MSN Family Nurse Practitioner; Curriculum Change Family PMHNP; New Courses – NURS 7595, 7328, 7328L, 7329, 7329L; Revised Courses – NURS 7340, 7352; New Course – NURS 7352L; Revised Course – NURS 7351; New Course – NURS 7450; Revised Course – NURS 7250: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Brenda Dyal said the program is adding a family nurse practitioner track and new courses. Changes in course titles will align VSU's Nursing courses with Georgia Regents

University, with whom the CON has a consortium agreement to share coursework. Courses will be offered spring (2014). The proposals were approved with suggested changes.

Other Business:

1. Update on Graduate Faculty Application Changes: Suggested changes from the GEC were presented to the Dean's Council. The Dean's Council supported the changes moving temporary status to a 3-year term and eliminating Associate Status, leaving only "Graduate Faculty status" or "Temporary Status" appointments. Graduate Faculty status will be for a 5-year term. Graduate Faculty status will be based upon the former criteria for Associate status. While a person has Temporary status, he/she may apply for Graduate Faculty status at any point during their 3-year temporary appointment. New faculty with thin teaching or research records can be appointed Temporary status their first year, and after 1 or 2 years, apply for Graduate Faculty status as they expand their teaching and research portfolio. After a motion was made to approve and seconded, the GEC approved the new categories for fall 2014 with one change in the language. Starting fall 2014, applications will be made through Digital Measures.
2. Graduate Student Writing Quality: James LaPlant expressed an interest in forming a subcommittee to evaluate ways we (graduate faculty) can improve graduate students' quality of writing. Suggestions from across the board for best practices are welcomed. It was suggested that Drs. Pat Miller and Donna Sewell from English be invited to participate. The committee:
 - Jennifer Branscome (Psychology)
 - Michael Sanger (Social Work)
 - Fred Knowles (Criminal Justice)
 - David Nelson (Communication Arts)
 - Nancy Swanson (Accounting & Finance)
 - James LaPlant (Graduate School)
 - Teresa Williams (Graduate School)
3. Graduate Faculty Scholarship Fund Update: James LaPlant reported that applications are in – over \$17,000 was requested including \$4040 requested for recruiting purposes. There may be more funds available from the Interim Provost's office to supplement this year's pool of money. Two more application review committee members volunteered – Dixie Haggard from History and Nancy Swanson from Accounting and Finance. The application review committee will meet November 14.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 2:58 pm.

Teresa Williams

Teresa Williams, Recorder

James LaPlant

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