GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – October 6, 2011

Present: Nolan Argyle, Luis Bejarano, Mary Block, William Faux, Janet Foster, Alfred Fuciarelli (presiding), Lyle Indergaard, Fred Knowles, Ellice Martin, Rusty McClung, Jim Nienow (for Jim Loughry), Michael Sanger, Mel Schnake, Nancy Swanson, David Wasielewski, Maria Whyte, Ellen Wiley (for Diane Dees). Guests: Kelly Heckaman, Sade Miller, Rebecca Waters, Teresa Williams.

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

The minutes from September’s meeting were approved.

Education

Curriculum Change – MAT Special Ed, General Curriculum; New Course – SERD 6070; and Revised Course – SEGC 6110: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Kelly Heckaman explained that a real number was being given to a reading elective as offered at VSU. More reading courses were needed for VSU students. SEGC 6110 changed grading from U/S to a letter grade. The proposals were approved.

Notification for Additional Distance Learning Delivery of Existing Approved Programs – MED Adult & Career Education and EDS Coaching Pedagogy: There are informational items. Rusty McClung reported they are changing two off-site master’s programs to online delivery. KSPE wishes to offer its EDS Coaching Pedagogy online as well.

Social Work

Curriculum Changes & Catalog Copy Change – MSW Program: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Mike Sanger reported that language was being updated for Advance Standing MSW students (those admitted summer), and to change grading of practicum courses to letter grades. Catalog Copy: Changing the Human Biology requirement to “would prefer” a Human Biology, Behavioral Science, or Human Development course. The proposals were approved.

Other Business

1. Graduate Faculty Membership Committee
   a. Chair: Nolan Argyle (PA)
   b. Members: Wallace Koehler (MLIS), Rusty McClung (ACED), Bill Faux (Comm Arts)
   c. Status: New applications (~20) ready for review

2. Graduate Faculty Scholarship Fund
   a. Chair: Mary Block (Hist)
   b. Members: Fred Knowles (CJ), Mel Schnake (MBA), Nancy Swan (MACC)
   c. Announcement: Sent to Graduate Faculty Monday, October 3, 2011
   d. Application Due: Thursday, October 20
e. Committee Meets: Week of October 24
f. Award Announcements: Week of October 31

3. Graduate Student Research & Scholarship Symposium – Friday, April 27, 2012
   a. Chair: Michael Sanger (MSW)
   b. Members: Dianne Dees (CLT), Vivian Foyou (PA), Anita Ondrusek (MLIS), Maura Schlairet (MSN), David Wasieleski (PSYC)
   c. Support Staff: Teresa Williams and Samantha Walls

4. Proposal for Guest Speaker/Reception Event
   a. Committee Members: Wallace Koehler (MLIS), Ellice Martin (MSRD)
   b. Needs: Draft proposal outlining proposed event including suggestions for possible speakers and budget.

5. Other Topics for Discussion
   a. Travel money for graduate students. Dr. Fuciarelli explained there is nothing in place in the Graduate School to fund graduate student travel. He has been discussing with the Provost (Dr. Gunter). Colleges can take from indirect funds to cover travel for presentations, or from grants, but we cannot use “state” money. Ways to handle are being investigated. The Graduate Faculty Scholarship funds cannot be used to fund student travel.

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

Teresa Williams
Recorder, Teresa Williams

Alfred Fuciarelli