

Graduate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2020

MEETING LOCATION: 3007 Converse

Present: Christopher Downing, Jerry Merwin, Dorea Cook, Becky da Cruz, Herb Fiester (proxy for Steve Downey), Linda Most (proxy for Michelle Ritter), Kelly Davidson (proxy for Luis Bejarano), David Nelson, Anne Price, Matt Carter, Kelly Heckaman, Matt Grant, JT Cox, Elvan Aktas (proxy for Nancy Swanson), Michael Webster

Guests: Ernest Smith, Rebecca Petrella, Natalie Kuhlmann, Crystal Marshall, Brian Gerber, Jeremy Bauer, Bruce Machk, Taralynn Hartsell, Michael Bochenko

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Becky da Cruz at 2:02 pm.

Minutes from November 14th were approved.

College of the Arts

Revised Catalog Copy – Master of Arts in Communication (Admission application packet instructions): Taking out need for admission tests, etc. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for New Course – ART 5210: Design Thinking: Tabled until further discussion and research on whether a free standing graduate course is allowed per SACS, etc.

College of Education and Human Services

Curriculum Change – Industrial/Organizational Psychology (required courses): Updating course offerings to address deficiencies in competencies. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for New Course – PSYC 7050: Counseling in Industrial-Organizational Psychology 1: Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for New Course – PSYC 7060: Consulting in Industrial-Organizational Psychology 2: Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for New Course – PSYC 7080: Group Dynamics: Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for New Course – PSYC 7090: Organizational Development: Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for New Course – PSYC 8100: Research Methods in I/O Psychology: Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for New Course – PSYC 8110: Psychometrics: Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for New Course – MLIS 7680: Understanding Information Behavior: Has been taught as special topics course in the past, but the point is to introduce higher level theory. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for Revised Course – MLIS 7730: Preservation: Name change only. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Revised Catalog Copy – Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS 7730 title): Name change only. Setting stage for 2nd special topics course that will be offered later. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for New Course – EDET 8005: Foundations of Teacher Leadership: Program for teachers not as administrators. Will allow teachers to learn skills to become leaders in their schools/classrooms. Changes will better reflect standards approved and GACE assessment. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for Revised Course – EDET 8020: Using Assessment and Research Data (title, course description): Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for Revised Course – EDET 8040: Strategic Planning for School Reform (title, course description): Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for Revised Course – EDET 8050: Action Research (title, course description): Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for Revised Course – EDET 8880: Capstone Seminar (course description): Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request to Deactivate Courses – EDET 8001, EDET 8002, EDET 8003: Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Curriculum Change – Teacher Leadership (required courses): Removing GRE requirement. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Curriculum Change/Revised Catalog Copy – Certification Only Educational Leadership (requirements): Removing Clinical Practice 8950. Adding statement to match Tier 1 language. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Curriculum Change/Revised Catalog Copy – Ed.S. Educational Leadership (requirements): Removing Clinical Practice 8950. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Curriculum Change/Revised Catalog Copy – M.Ed. in Instructional Technology (Corporate Concentration): Removing courses that were created for old concentration. No new course or deactivations at this time. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

College of Nursing and Health Services

Request for a New Course – HSEP 7020: Advanced Exercise Physiology II: Faculty member left which necessitated a change in course offerings. Developed partly on industry and student interest. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Request for a New Course – HSEP 7200: Exercise and Nutrition as Medicine: Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Curriculum Change – Master of Science in Exercise Physiology (required courses): Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Revised Catalog Copy – Master of Science in Exercise Physiology (admission requirements): Taking out GRE requirements. Motion was made to approve; seconded.

Sub Committee Report

- Graduate Student Success – Dr. Downing gave update. Will meet with SGA and AGS regarding collaboration/combining. Dr. da Cruz updated on the survey that will go out. After meeting they are working to develop survey one survey. Graduate Students, Faculty, etc. will be able to select which group they fit in and will only see questions relating to that group. Will share with GEC once it is closer to being ready. Plan is to have out by Spring Break.
- Dissertation Task Force – Next meeting February 7th
- Graduate Appeals – N/A
- Graduate Faculty Scholarship – N/A
- Graduate Faculty Membership – Spring Deadline February 21st

Other Business/Topics from the Floor

1. Two Degrees (policy link <http://catalog.valdosta.edu/graduate/academic-standards-regulations/#Second>) – Dr. da Cruz discussed the fact that the graduate school isn't aware when a student is pursuing two degrees. Possibly develop a form that departments would sign showing that they are in agreement and aware that the student is pursuing two degrees. The student must apply for each degree at time of graduation.

Further research will be done on SACS policies, and will bring back to group at Feb. meeting.

2. Graduate Research Symposium – Ernest updated that the symposium will be held on April 17th and to please send in your nominations.
3. Graduate Admissions Updates – IT is not launching until all Program Coordinators send in the forms that everything looks good. Even if edits are needed, IT still needs the form showing that pending any edits needed, the department signs off. 11 departments still need to submit.
4. Graduate Assistants Updates – Summer competitive will be available March 1st. All GA's will be awarded through the competitive pool.
5. Association of Graduate Students Updates – N/A
6. Commencement Feedback – Need to make whole sale changes. Most of GEC was against completely taking hooding out of the ceremony procession. Dr. da Cruz asked for everyone to think of possible changes that would speed the process up and get the overall time of graduation down significantly.
7. Other – Withdrawal abuse. Dr. Taralynn Hartsell briefed the room on issues with students who continually withdraw from courses before the deadline. These are not hardship or medical withdrawals. Wanted to know if other areas were experiencing anything similar and if any policy exists at the graduate school level to address. If not, can we develop something to address those rare occasions of students taken advantage of unlimited withdrawals.

Motion was made to adjourn at 3:45 pm.

Ernest Smith

Ernest Smith, Recorder

Becky K. da Cruz

Becky K. da Cruz, Associate Provost for Graduate
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