

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2016

Meeting Location: 3007 Converse Hall

Present: Serey Bright, David Bruno (for Phil Dybicz), Maren Clegg-Hyer, Iris Ellis, Herb Fiester, Matthew Grant (for Jennifer Beal-Alvarez), Dixie Haggard, Kelly Heckaman, Lyle Indergaard, James LaPlant (presiding), Gerald Merwin, Linda Most, David Nelson, Anne Price, Michelle Ritter, Mel Schnake. Guests: Samantha Hartman, Rebecca Petrella, Teresa Williams.

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

Dr. Pat Miller (English) shared a proposal for multiple ENGL 8300 courses (Revision and Editing for Professionals) being offered in the summer as 3-hour credits (electives) for doctoral students. Programs could substitute for elective hours to work on methods. It is preferable for students to take the course early in their program.

Minutes from the September 29, 2016 meeting were approved with one abstention.
Fall 2016 Graduate Faculty Nominations were approved.

College of Education & Human Services

Curriculum Changes – EDD in ACED; New Course – ACED 9450. Iris Ellis said that the new course allows collaboration with the University of West Indies as a course in the international workforce. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

Other Business

1. Dissertation Database: James LaPlant said that a Qualtrics survey was sent to faculty on 10/27/16 to gather teaching and research areas, and types of methodology so that a university-wide database can be set up and used by students searching for committee members, or for faculty looking for collaboration on research projects.
2. Spring Graduate Assistantships: Be aware that messages about renewing spring graduate assistantships will be sent soon. As for summer GAs, Dr. LaPlant is hoping to move up the renewal process to early spring.
3. Graduate Student Association: A student in the Marriage and Family Therapy program wants to restart the Graduate Student Association. The group has been inactive after the last officers graduated a couple of years ago.
4. Graduation: Set for Friday, December 9 at 7 pm in the PE Complex. Lineup begins at 5:30 in Jennett Hall. Graduate students do not attend the undergraduate ceremony on December 10. President Brown has asked that all doctoral students, starting spring 2017, wear red robes rather than the traditional black robes. A sample was shown to the GEC.

Topics from the Floor

1. Career Fair – November 3: The Graduate School will have a table at the Professional and Graduate Schools Fair hosted by Career Opportunities. Several other VSU graduate programs will have tables as well, but programs are invited to send marketing material to Rebecca Petrella for distribution.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 2:55 pm.

Teresa Williams

Teresa Williams, Recorder

James T. LaPlant

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and Dean of the Graduate School