

## GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2015

Meeting Location: 1103 Converse Hall

Present: Jennifer Branscome, Bonni Cohen, Phillip Dybicz, Iris Ellis, Herb Fiester (for E-Ling Hsiao), Matthew Grant, Lyle Indergaard, Fred Knowles (w/proxy for Dixie Haggard), Sandra Kregar, James LaPlant (presiding), Jim Loughry, Linda Most, David Nelson, Barbara Radcliffe (for Ellice Martin), Alicja Rieger, Mel Schnake, Kate Warner, Sherman Yehl. Guests: Leon Pate, Rebecca Petrella, Robert Spires, Jessica Trautwein, Teresa Williams.

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

Dr. Pat Miller (English) shared information regarding her summer course, ENGL 8300. It is an online course for graduate students working on their dissertations. Last summer's course had an enrollment of 15 students with two students from the course being appointed as graduate student writing tutors in the Student Success Center.

Minutes from January's meeting were approved.

### College of Education & Human Services

Curriculum Change – MED in Educational Leadership, MED P-12 School Leadership, Certification Tier 1 P-12 School Leadership, EDS Performance-Based Leadership, and Certification Tier 2 Performance-Based Leadership: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Leon Pate said that the MED in Educational Leadership changes would collapse two tracks into one, with a concentration remaining in Higher Education Leadership. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) resurrected the P-12 Leadership program and the Tier 1 Certification program. The EDS Performance-Based Leadership changes expand three hours of field work. The Tier 2 Certification is a degree program with certification built into it.

Revised Catalog Copy – Curriculum, Leadership, and Technology: Leon Pate reported that the changes reflect the GaPSC requirements. The new programs will start summer 2016. There are no major changes in courses and syllabi. All proposals were approved with changes.

New Courses – Middle, Secondary, Reading & Deaf Ed - MSRD 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 6000, 6001, 6002, 6003, 6004, 6005, 6010, 6020, 6100, 6200, 6300: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Barbara Radcliffe said that the MED program was being revised for working teachers. A handout was distributed showing the breakdown of coursework. The proposals were approved with changes.

Curriculum Change – MAT in Middle Grades or Secondary Education: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Barbara Radcliffe explained that changes take out redundancies, restructuring and renumbering courses. The proposal was approved.

Deactivation of Courses – MSED 7007, 7030, 7320 and DEAF 5290, 5450: For information purposes only.

Curriculum Change; Revised Catalog Copy - Master of Social Work Program; Revised Courses – SOWK 7810, 7611, 7612; Deactivation – SOWK 7630: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Phil Dybicz said that the curriculum was being updated by adding a 3-hour course with best practices content, and changing two field practicums from 4-hour to 3-hour courses. SOWK 7630 is being deactivated. The proposals were approved.

## College of Arts & Sciences

New Course – ENGL 8995; Revised Catalog Copy (2) – MA in English. The proposals were tabled.

Revised Catalog Copy – Master of Public Administration; Curriculum Change – Doctor of Public Administration: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Sherman Yehl said that the MPA program is currently allowing students with bachelor's degrees to enter the program without governmental or NGO sector experience. The proposal brings the admissions policy up to date. Students in the DPA program must complete core and methods courses before enrolling in PADM 9990 and 9999. The proposals were approved.

## College of Nursing & Health Services

Curriculum Changes – Master of Science in Nursing; New Course – NURS 7101: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Bonni Cohen said the proposals change a required course to an elective, and adds a role transition course according to educational requirements of the APRN Consensus Model. NURS 7101 is the role transition course. The proposals were approved. Deactivations – 43 Nursing Courses.

## Other Business

- James LaPlant said that the Provost is asking for End-of-Year requests. Marketing funds are being sought so that the Graduate School's marketing campaign can continue with GPB and WFSU in Tallahassee. We may next look to Atlanta to raise our profile. Recommendation – do not forget to advertise locally (in fact, James LaPlant mentioned that he was recently taped for a Valdosta CEO spot).
- Summer Assistantships – James LaPlant said he is asking for additional money for summer appointments.
- Reminder - Undergraduate Student Forum – True Life: March 3.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 3:20 pm.

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Teresa Williams  
Teresa Williams, Recorder

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