

## **GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**March 24, 2016**

**Meeting Location: 3007 Converse Hall**

Present: Shirley Andrews, Jennifer Beal-Alvarez, Luis Bejarano, Maren Clegg-Hyer, Phillip Dybicz, Herb Fiester, Melissa Grady, Matthew Grant, Fred Knowles, James LaPlant (presiding), Linda Most, Michelle Ritter, Mel Schnake, Nancy Swanson, Sherman Yehl. Guests: Don Leech, Samantha Hartman, Rebecca Petrella, Teresa Williams.

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

Dr. Pat Miller offered information about her summer course, ENGL 8300 – Professional Writing/Editing, an 8-week online course designed to help students writing their dissertation. There is no pre-requisite and students can work on their own research.

Minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting were approved with amendments.

Spring 2016 Graduate Faculty Nominations were approved.

### **College of Arts & Sciences**

New Courses – LING 6000 & 6160: Maren Clegg-Hyer said that the courses were already offered at the 4000 level. Cross-listing at the graduate level will allow students from other majors to enroll in the courses. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

### **College of Nursing & Health Sciences**

Curriculum Changes: Family Psychiatric Mental Health NP, Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontology NP, Family Psychiatric Mental Health NP Pathway for the MSN, Family Psychiatric Mental Health NP Pathway for the Pediatric NP, Family Psychiatric Mental Health NP Pathway for the Family NP, Family Psychiatric Mental Health NP Pathway for the Adult Gerontology NP, Family Nurse Practitioner Pathway for the MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner Pathway for the Pediatric NP, Family Nurse Practitioner Pathway for the Adult Gerontology NP, Adult Gerontology NP Pathway for the MSN; Course Deactivation – NURS 7340; Revised Courses – NURS 7200L, 7328, 7328L, 7329, 7329L, 7330, 7330L, 7350, 7350L: Michelle Ritter said that the curriculum changes were brought about by their accrediting body, looking at curriculum mapping. The Pathways changes removed the statistics course to reduce hours, moved the course to the doctoral level (working on the DNP consortium with other universities). The course being deactivated is already being taught in other classes. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

### **College of Arts**

Revised Courses: MUE 7100, 7200; New Course – MUE 7102: Melissa Grady said that the second seminar was recommended during clinical practicums – the new MAT program now has three seminars. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved (but edited copy to be sent to the GEC).

## College of Education & Human Services

Deactivation – MS Psychology in Clinical Counseling: The program is being deactivated – no applications are being accepted. The last group of students should graduate by fall 2017.

### Other Business

1. The GA of the Year ceremony and the Graduate Student Symposium is scheduled for April 22, 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm, respectively. There were 45 poster nominations for this year's symposium. The GA of the Year ceremony participants can transition to the Magnolia Rooms for refreshments and the poster session.
2. Assistantships – funds are solid for May and June appointments. Dr. LaPlant hopes to prepare for fall appointments soon.
3. Graduate Program Marketing – Faculty are asked to continue sending funding requests to Dr. LaPlant for end-of-year considerations. He plans to request \$50,000 for marketing.

### Topics from the Floor

1. Workload Question – Dr. LaPlant asked if there were any programs teaching three graduate courses, plus 1 undergraduate course. Responses in the affirmative include: Nursing, COED often teach 2 + 2; Arts & Sciences 1 + 3, potentially.
2. Graduate School Convocation Update – The 10:00 am ceremony will be on the front lawn (West Hall). Information sessions to be held April 8 and April 12.
3. Final Grades Due – No word yet on whether or not the due date has been changed from 9:00 am to a later time for the Monday after graduation.
4. Adjunct Pay – The pay scale for adjuncts in the fall will remain the same as it has been in the past. It might move upwards in 2017.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 3:02 pm.

Teresa Williams

Teresa Williams, Recorder

James T. LaPlant

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