

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2017
MEETING LOCATION: 3007 CONVERSE

Present: Jennifer Beal Alvarez, Luis Bejarano, Serey Bright, Maren Clegg-Hyer, Herb Fiester, Matthew Grant, Dixie Haggard, Carl Hand (for Anne Price), Kelly Heckaman, Lyle Indergaard, James LaPlant, Jim Loughry, Jerry Merwin, Linda Most, David Nelson, Mel Schnake. Guests: Shirley Andrews, Darrell Ross, Samantha Hartman, Rebecca Petrella, Teresa Williams

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

Minutes from February 16, 2017 were approved.

Spring nominations for Full Graduate Faculty Status were approved.

Graduate School

Revised Catalog Copy (2): Motion was made to approve; seconded. The first proposal updated the language in the catalog regarding thesis and dissertation submission to a dedicated email address and included new instructions for optional binding of approved theses and dissertations. The second proposal added Accelerated (4 + 1) Program information for enrollment by undergraduates in graduate courses. Students will need to take at least 21 hours to be awarded the master's degree in this program. The proposals were approved.

College of Arts & Sciences

Curriculum Change; Revised Catalog Copy – BA in Sociology & Anthropology: These were informational relating to the department's Accelerated (4 + 1) program in Sociology.

Revised Catalog Copy (2) – MS Sociology; Curriculum Change – MS Sociology; Revised Courses: SOCI 6700, 7050; New Course: SOCI 7060: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Carl Hand said that the new accelerated program helps to combat low enrollment in some master's programs. Graduate courses will be taken by undergraduates in the accelerated program and counted towards the undergraduate and graduate degrees. Students can take 9 hours. Sociology created two tracks. If a student opts out of the accelerated program, they can still complete the undergraduate degree. Financial aid will be available if this is a part of a student's program. Undergraduates can still receive academic awards as undergraduates, but graduate courses will not count. Students have to be fully admitted to the graduate degree program to continue. It was recommended that the proposals be placed on a curriculum change form as well. The proposals were approved with changes.

College of Education & Human Services

Revised Catalog Copy – MED Middle Grades Math Science; MED CIAT: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Jennifer Beal Alvarez mentioned that the language added retention and dismissal policies by removing "Students admitted Fall 2011 and after..." now that we are 6 years beyond the change. The proposals were approved.

Curriculum Change – MED Early Childhood Education; Revised Course: ECED 7540: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Shirley Andrews said that the proposal corrected titles and added electives, including a Path Tier-1 elective. The proposals were approved.

Revised Catalog Copy (2) – MAT Special Ed Deaf & Hard of Hearing: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Jennifer Beal Alvarez said that the changes cleaned up the catalog narrative. The proposals were approved.

Revised Catalog Copy – EDS Teaching & Learning; Deactivation of EDET 8010; Revised Courses – EDET 8880, 8003, 8002, 8001: Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals updated admissions information and language for the capstone course, and deactivated EDET 8010. The proposals were approved.

Revised Catalog Copy (3) – COEHS Accreditation, Progression/Retention Policies; Master’s Degree Programs: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Shirley Andrews said that information regarding accreditation is being updated as well as professional standards. The proposals also add current names for departments in the narrative for the COEHS. The proposals were approved.

Topics from the Floor

1. David Nelson (Communication Arts) announced that MIAC 7700 was being offered May Mester (a class on humor).
2. ENGL 8300: Pat Miller (English) is again offering the summer professional writing and editing course. It can be used as an elective for doctoral students.
3. Summer Assistantships: James LaPlant reported that he is working to fund every request for summer appointments.
4. Program Marketing: Requests were received for travel, ads, booths, printed material, and radio spots.
5. GA of the Year/Graduate Symposium: Both are scheduled for Friday, April 21. The GA of the Year ceremony begins at 3:00 with 24 nominations while the symposium begins at 4:00 with 43 posters nominated.
6. Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 5 at 7:00 pm.

Motion was made to adjourn at 3:06 pm; seconded.

Teresa Williams
Teresa Williams, Recorder

James LaPlant
James LaPlant, AVP for Research and Dean of the Graduate School