

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2016

Meeting Location: 3007 Converse Hall

Present: Shirley Andrews, Jennifer Beal-Alvarez, Luis Bejarano, Jennifer Branscome, Maren Clegg-Hyer, Phillip Dybicz, Iris Ellis, Herb Fiester, Melissa Grady, Matthew Grant, Dixie Haggard, Fred Knowles, James LaPlant (presiding), Jim Loughry, Linda Most, David Nelson, Crystal Randolph (for Corine Myers-Jennings), Michelle Ritter, Mel Schnake, Nancy Swanson, Sherman Yehl. Guests: Bonni Cohen, Vanessa Jones, Don Leech, Samantha Hartman, Rebecca Petrella, Teresa Williams.

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

Minutes from the March 24, 2016 meeting were approved with amendments.

Confirmed – Spring grades are due Monday, May 9 by noon.

College of Arts

Curriculum Change – MAT MUEd: Melissa Grady said that after recommendations from the COEHS to include a professional development seminar during the clinical practice semester, two seminars were split into three professional development courses (MUE 7100, 7101, and 7102). Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved.

College of Business Administration

Substantive Change/Program Modification MBA (HCAD): Mel Schnake said that the title for the degree will change to MBA in HCAD, a 36-hour online program. The request does not change the program of study; it is simply a renaming of the program. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved.

College of Education & Human Services

Curriculum Change – MSW; Revised Courses – SOWK 7300, 7310, 7400, 7611, 7612, 7700, 7800, 7830, 7850, 7860; New Course – SOWK 7610: Phil Dybicz said that the courses first had an emphasis for practice in rural areas. But with the advent and growth of online programs, the special focus on “rural areas” is changing so the wording is being removed. The new course is another advanced standing seminar course creating a forum for students to discuss cases in a professional network. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

College of Nursing & Health Sciences

New Program – eDNP (Justification): Admissions Criteria; Program Outcomes; Graduation Criteria; Admission Rubric; Relationships among DNP Courses, AACN DNP Essentials, and VSU DNP Program Objectives. New Courses – NURS 8310, 8312, 8313, 8314, 8315, 8316, 8317, 8318, 8319: Michelle Ritter said that a new doctoral program, in collaboration with two other

universities (Armstrong State University and the University of North Georgia), is being proposed to educate advanced practice nurses at the doctoral level. The presence of the eDNP will help strengthen nurse practice research. The program will be 100% online with 500 clinic hours and an eDNP project. Motion was made to approve, seconded. The proposals were approved.

Other Business

1. The GA of the Year ceremony and the Graduate Student Symposium are scheduled for April 22, 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm, respectively, in the University Center.
2. Graduate School Convocation - Saturday, May 7 at 10 am. Faculty and students line up in the Bailey Science building. A PowerPoint presentation outlining the lineup and path to the front lawn will be e-mailed to members of the GEC.

Topics from the Floor

1. Online Delivery State Authorizations: Rebecca Petrella said that e-Learning is going to update us as soon as they have news. It is still a “no go” for Florida graduate students unless they are enrolled in 100% online programs.
2. Certification Courses: Internship courses in non-degree programs, not for certification. Some courses are defined differently – students and advisors should check with certification bodies regarding instate addresses and approval of coursework for certification.
3. CRM Technology: Preparing for bids now, another committee will review. The start date has been delayed to fall 2017.
4. Summer Graduate Assistantships: Send requests for GAs to Michelle Jordan. A pool of positions similar to the GSSA pool has been proposed. Nearly 81% of our graduate students pay full tuition. The GA pool needs to grow along with stipends and faculty positions.
5. Dual Master’s Degrees: The question was asked whether or not students could pursue two master’s degree programs at the same time. Yes – it is possible. Courses from the second degree can count as concentration courses.
6. ENGL 8300: still has a few slots open! Also, Communications is offering its Pedagogy course again this summer.

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

Teresa Williams
Teresa Williams, Recorder

James T. LaPlant
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