

## **GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**August 27, 2015**

**Meeting Location: 1103 Converse Hall**

Present: Shirley Andrews, Jennifer Beal-Alvarez, Jennifer Branscome, Maren Clegg-Hyer, Bonni Cohen, John Dunn (for Dixie Haggard), Phillip Dybicz, Iris Ellis, Herb Fiester, Melissa Grady, Matt Grant, Lyle Indergaard, Fred Knowles, James LaPlant (presiding), Jim Loughry, Linda Most, David Nelson, Mel Schnake, Nancy Swanson, Sherman Yehl. Guests: Steven Downey, Samantha Hartman, Leon Pate, Jessica Powers, Teresa Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James LaPlant at 2:03 PM. Since this was the first meeting of the semester, everyone was asked to introduce themselves.

Minutes from March's meeting were approved.

### **College of the Arts**

Curriculum Change – MA in Communication

New Courses: MAIC 6000, 6100, 6300, 6450, 6500, 6600

Revised Courses: MDIA 5000, 6100, 6350, 6450, 7400, 7700, 7800, COMM 6400, 7150, 7300

Deactivation of Courses: COM 6000, MDIA 7600

Revised Catalog Copy: Change MA Speech Communication to MA Communication

David Nelson said that the program is merging the Mass Media and Communication Arts concentrations, bringing the curriculum up to date with current offerings. New Courses are being created with some deactivations, adding more depth to the courses. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved with minor edits.

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

Revised Course: BIOL 5460: Jim Loughry said that the course is cross-listed with an undergraduate course. The proposal brings the two in line with a change in the name and course description. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved.

### **College of Education & Human Services**

Revised Catalog Copy – Tier 1 Certification Only in P-12 School Leadership

Revised Catalog Copy – EDS in Performance-Based Leadership

Revised Catalog Copy – MED in P-12 School Leadership

Revised Catalog Copy – Tier 2 Certification Only Performance-Based Leadership

Leon Pate said that the Georgia Professional Standards Commission changed programs, bringing back Tiered Certification, the MED, and the EDS. The proposals refresh the courses and programs for accreditation purposes though the programs are not much different from originals. The catalog should be updated to reflect changes as soon as possible. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

Curriculum Change – MED IT Corporate Training Concentration; New Courses – ITED 7110, 7210, 7310, 7410, 7510, 7610, 7710, 7810, 7910; Revised Catalog Copy – MED IT Corporate Training:

Herb Fiester explained that the MED IT is now offering a new concentration with lower level certification. The track has significant growth potential and will help to sustain the MED IT program. Research suggests that over the next 5 years there will be a slowdown in the K-12 market. Plans are to offer the same track in the EDD program. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved with minor edits.

### **Other Business**

1. Enrollment Update: James LaPlant reported that graduate enrollment is up 12.3% from this time last fall, thanks to the marketing efforts of program coordinators. Enrollment stands at three students short of 2500. To improve application processing, the Graduate School admissions team is tapping into the Georgia Council of Graduate Schools to determine what application programs are used across the state – are they totally online, partially, easily interfaced with BANNER, and more efficient?
2. Graduate Faculty Scholarship Applications: The deadline is October 9. Funds can be used to travel for conference presentations, recruiting efforts, equipment and supplies for research. For hardware/software needs, send requests to James LaPlant separately.
3. Graduate Student Travel Awards: Funds are available again this year though limited. Applications must include signatures by advisors and department heads.
4. Graduate Symposium and GA of the Year Ceremony: The symposium is scheduled for Friday, April 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. A GA of the Year Celebration will be held before the symposium (3:00-4:00 pm) so that participants can linger at the symposium and enjoy refreshments.
5. Marketing and Advertising Requests: James LaPlant asked those with particular funding needs to send requests to him. On our marketing front, the Graduate School is again airing spots on Georgia Public Radio and Florida Public Radio (Tallahassee, Jacksonville, and Gainesville).

### **Topics from the Floor**

1. Waiver Updates: It was assumed that the out-of-state waivers included both graduate and undergraduate students, but that is not the case. The waivers are for undergraduates only. Online programs do offer the e-Tuition rate, which is still a great bargain. The graduate dean was also allowed 20 out-of-state waivers to use at his discretion. So far only 9 have been granted. (Out-of-state waivers for graduate students do apply in the border GA-FL counties.)
2. Online Delivery in Other States: The question was raised – is there an updated list showing states in which we can deliver online programs? The dean will find out for the next meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 3:10 pm.

Teresa Williams  
Teresa Williams, Recorder

James T. LaPlant  
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