

Graduate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2025  
MEETING LOCATION: Odum Library 1470

**Present:** Becky da Cruz, Debra Gresham, Ann Greenfield, Mitch Lockhart, Zhong Lin, Kelly Davidson, Dee Ott, Julie Lester, Lenese Colson, Connie Porcaro, Dixie Haggard, Arrington Stoll, Christopher Downing

Proxy: No Proxy's

Guests: Rebecca Petrella, Crystal Marshall, Kristy Clark, and Darli DeVane

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Becky da Cruz at 2:02 pm.

Minutes from February 27, 2025 were approved. Dixie Haggard motioned to approve. Christopher Downing seconded. Motion passed: 12 approved - 0 opposed – 0 abstained

### **College Business Administration**

#### **Accounting**

Request for New Course (Catalog)-MACC 7200 Seminar of Contemporary Accounting-Added to assist students in achieving better results on professional licensing exams- Mitch Lockhart motioned to approve. Arrington Stoll seconded. Motion passed: 12 approved - 0 opposed – 0 abstained

### **College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

#### **Nursing**

Request for a Revised Course (Catalog)-NURS 7110 Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice- Updating language to be congruent with current standards. – Christopher Downing motioned to approve. Zhong Lin seconded. Motion passed: 12 approved - 0 opposed – 0 abstained

### **College of Education and Human Services**

#### **Teacher Education**

Request for a Revised Course (Catalog)-MSED 6003 Differentiation and Multicultural Education in Middle or Secondary Education- With the anticipation of the approval of the MAT in Elementary Education, this new course title can be offered in the MAT in Education program, MAT in Elementary Ed program, or other MAT programs within the department. This was a late admission and 15 members of the committee voted to approve electronically.

### **Sub/Committee Reports**

- **Graduate Research Symposium**-Dr. da Cruz reminded the committee that the Symposium will be April 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm in the Student Union theater and ballrooms. Five students will give an Oral presentation on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm in the Student Union theater. Only 3 students with a 3MT presentation. The 3MT presenters are unable to attend in person, so their video presentation will be showed in the theater at 3pm. Due to the low number of 3MT participants the only award the 3MT students will be up for is the “People’s Choice Award”. The GA of the year will be held from 3-4pm in the student union as well.
- **Graduate Student Success**-No Update

- **Doctoral Program**-Dr. da Cruz stated the updated doctoral dissertation template is now online - both PDF and Word versiond.
- **Graduate Appeals**-No Report
- **Graduate Faculty Membership**-Dr. da Cruz stated the subcommittee was reviewing the two application submissions.

#### Other Business/Topics from the floor

- **Graduate Admissions Update**- Rebecca stated they have started the experimental trial stage of the direct admission processes with English and Comm Arts departments. They had one person go through the process successfully and has others who are waiting.
- Kristy stated they held a Graduate School info session on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Eight students attended in person and 18 online. If any departments need help with recruitment like a QR code etc. to let her know. Grad School will have a table at the Open House on April 12<sup>th</sup> as well. Also working on the dismissal list to see if there were some students who could reapply for grad school to pursue the course repeat opportunity. We will contact the department before contacting the student just to make sure the department supports them reenrolling.
- **Graduate Assistant Updates**-Dr. da Cruz informed the committee the summer GA onboarding forms were being processed now. Summer GA's will be for the whole summer May, June and July. GA's will no longer be hired for one or two months due to the tuition waiver.
- **Draft AA Strategic Plan**-Dr. da Cruz informed the committee there will be three town hall meetings to discuss the strategic plan. The dates are April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is in Odum Library 9:30-11:00am, April 15<sup>th</sup> at North campus from 3:30-5:00pm and April 18<sup>th</sup> will be a virtual session. The strategic plan was shared with the committee. The strategic plans focused on the Graduate School and GEC were discussed.
- **Course Repeat: Outreach**- This was discussed above in the Graduate Admissions Update.
- **Catalog Additions**: This was not discussed
  1. **Cannot be awarded same degree twice**
  2. **Graduate Requirements**
- **AGS & SGA Updates**- No update
- **Items from the Floor**-Dr. da Cruz shared an admission graph from Barrie Fitzgerald which showed the enrollment is down for the summer. She encouraged the committee to work to advise and enroll students as the expectation is that Graduate enrollment will be down in the fall. The committee discussed ways to get students to increase enrollment.

Motion made to adjourn at 3:30 pm

Next AC Meeting: April 10, 2025

Next GEC Meeting: April 24, 2025

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Administrative Coordinator

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Dr. Becky da Cruz, Associate Provost  
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