

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2016

Meeting Location: 3007 Converse Hall

Present: Jennifer Beal-Alvarez, Serey Bright, Eric Chambers (for Jim Loughry), Maren Clegg-Hyer (with proxy for Michelle Ritter), Phil Dybicz, Iris Ellis, Herb Fiester, Matthew Grant, Kelly Heckaman, Lyle Indergaard, James LaPlant (presiding), Gerald Merwin, Linda Most, Corine Myers-Jennings, David Nelson, Anne Price, Mel Schnake. Guests: Samantha Hartman, Rebecca Petrella, Teresa Williams.

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

Minutes from the October 27, 2016 meeting were approved with one abstention.

College of the Arts

Revised Course – MAIC 7999 Thesis: David Nelson said that the change provides more flexibility in the program for students taking thesis hours. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved.

Course Deactivations - COMM 7000, 7200, 7999, MDIA 7700: David Nelson said that the courses need to be deactivated after prefixes were changed.

College of Education & Human Services

Revised Catalog Copy – EDS School Counseling: The language is being updated for accreditation purposes. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposal was approved.

Curriculum Changes – SLPD; New Course – CSD 9230; Revised Course – CSD 9220: Corine Myers-Jennings said that the proposals replace the curriculum change form that was omitted from original paperwork for the program, and that the course information is being updated. It was mentioned that the pre-requisite course should be added to the New Course form. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved with changes.

Request for New Program – MAT Education (Agricultural Ed); Revised Catalog Copy MAT Education Ag Ed; and New Course – MSED 5700: Jennifer Beal-Alvarez said that this is a new program (track) in collaboration with ABAC in Tifton. Changes were suggested. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved with edits.

Other Business

1. Qualtrics Survey: James LaPlant said that a Qualtrics survey was sent to faculty on 10/27/16 to gather teaching and research areas of expertise. It will be resent after Thanksgiving. The information will assist the Thesis/Dissertation Task Force as it updates a database for those looking for dissertation committee members and research collaborators. The Task Force met and discussed updating committee forms and moving submission of the review process to ProQuest.

2. Spring Graduate Assistantships: The data on assistantships are being updated, but it appears that there were a record number of super sections assigned in the spring. More super sections are being added since the departure of full-time faculty and the limited funds for hiring of more adjuncts.
3. Graduation Update: Teresa Williams said that an instructional video would be available showing faculty how to hood their students, thanks to the efforts of Drs. Colin Walker, David Nelson, Dianne Dees, and William Truby, and GA Samantha Hartman. A red doctoral robe was shown to the Committee – Interim President Dr. Kelli Brown suggested that terminal degree students could wear red robes, similar to the President’s, as a way to show distinction between their degrees and the master’s degrees. Fall graduation is set for Friday December 9 at 7 pm in the PE Complex.

Topics from the Floor

1. James LaPlant mentioned that he is still requesting marketing funds to award graduate faculty that applied but have not yet been awarded funds.
2. Student Travel requests are strong – so far 10 students have been awarded roughly \$5000.
3. A handout announcing three dissertation dive in groups for spring was distributed.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 2:50 pm.

Teresa Williams
Teresa Williams, Recorder

James T. LaPlant
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