

**GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – September 20, 2012**  
**Meeting Location: Room 3007, Psychology Building**

Present: Mary Block, Lynn Corbin (for Lyle Indergaard), Michael Davey, William Faux, Alfred Fuciarelli (presiding), Susan Hagood, E-Ling Hsiao, Anita Hufft (for Brenda Dyal), Jim Loughry, Ellice Martin, Rusty McClung, Julie Reffel (for Janet Foster), Michael Sanger, Mel Schnake, Nancy Swanson, Harold Thiele (for Wallace Koehler), David Wasieleski, Robert Yehl (for Nolan Argyle). Guests: Patti Campbell, Don Leech, Jackson Rainer, Tiara Ross, Rebecca Waters, and Teresa Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred Fuciarelli at 1:35 PM.

The 8/30/12 meeting minutes were approved.

### **ARTS & SCIENCES**

Curriculum Change – MA in History; Revised Courses - HIST 6226, 6303; New Courses – HIST 6305, 6306, 6320, 7104, 7303, 7901, 7902: Mary Block explained that they are moving up their application deadline and giving students the *option* to take a course outside of their field rather than a requirement. The revised course proposals changes names for clarification purposes. The new courses are being taught by a faculty member with expertise in Mexican history. The Committee recommended several corrections; Dr. Fuciarelli offered the friendly suggestion that syllabi clearly outline grade scaling, which will benefit faculty if students appeal grades. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Revised Courses (CLT): RSCH 9820, 9830, 9840, 9850, 9870: Don Leech said the proposed changes for the doctoral research classes would clean up the catalog entries and add prerequisites. This will allow advisors to use BANNER to help keep up with prerequisites. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

Curriculum Change – EDS Special Education; Revised Catalog Copy (2); Revised Courses – SPEC 8030, 8040, 8110, 8999: Julie Reffel and Patti Campbell explained that the changes would reactivate a dormant program and move to online delivery, hopefully starting spring 2013. Other changes include a title change for SPEC 8030, a change in course description for SPEC 8110, and a change in thesis hours (SPEC 8999) to 1 to 3 hour increments. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

Revised Catalog Copy – MS Psychology (admissions requirements): David Wasieleski said that the change reflects the new GRE scoring for admissions requirements and that the required GPA for probationary status was raised. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

## COLLEGE OF NURSING

Deactivation of Nursing Courses were reviewed for information purposes. Anita Hufft explained the changes were in keeping with a new program.

Curriculum Change – MSN Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practitioner (FPMHN); New Courses – NURS 7251, 7251L, 7252, 7351, 7351L, 7352, 7352L, 7450: Anita Hufft said that the Georgia Health Sciences and Georgia State University were collaborating with Valdosta State in offering the FPMHN program (VSU will be taking the lead in implementing offerings beginning spring 2013, sharing four courses with other universities). Titles may need to be changed later for GeorgiaOnMyLine (GOML) purposes. Motion was made to approve; seconded. The proposals were approved.

## OTHER BUSINESS

1. Topics from the floor: The question was asked if proposals could be cleaned up before the meeting. It was felt that the Committee was spending too much time dealing with typographical and grammatical issues instead of dealing with substantive issues. It was agreed that Dr. Fuciarelli would review proposals and contact departments about changes before the meeting. Committee members were asked to continue reviewing their department's material should any be included on the agenda.
2. Graduate Faculty Application Update: Dr. Fuciarelli reported that he hoped to have an opportunity to demonstrate how Digital Measures (DM) could be used to create the application for graduate faculty status at the next meeting.
3. Graduate Student Symposium: Dr. Fuciarelli announced that the planned date is April 12, 2013, but could be subject to change due to plans for the inauguration of Dr. William McKinney, VSU's new president.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 2:45 pm.

*Teresa Williams*

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Teresa Williams, Recorder

*Alfred F. Fuciarelli*

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