

## **GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – September 1, 2011**

Present: Mary Block, Michael Davey, Parra Ericka (for Luis Bejarano), William Faux, Vivian Foyou (for Nolan Argyle), Alfred Fuciarelli (presiding), Lyle Indergaard, Wallace Koehler, Fred Knowles, George Langford, Ellice Martin, Xavier McClung, Michael Sanger, Mel Schnake, Jerry Siegrist (for Diane Dees), Ruth Stonestreet, Nancy Swanson, David Wasieleski, Maria Whyte. Guests: Corine Myer-Jennings, Jarrod Murray, Rebecca Waters, Teresa Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred Fuciarelli at 2:05 PM.

After introductions, the minutes from March's meeting were approved.

### **Arts & Sciences**

Revised Courses – HIST 5030/5040/5050/5060/5070/5080/5090, 7950: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Mary Block reported that the proposals were needed to make catalog copy consistent with department's intentions; correct long-standing omissions. The proposals were approved.

New Courses – HIST 5203, 6219, 6233, and 6234: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dr. Block mentioned that new faculty have been hired and are now able to teach these subjects at the graduate level, offering more choices of concentration for graduate students in the MA History Program. The proposals were approved.

### **Education**

Curriculum Change – MAT Special Ed, General Curriculum: Motion was made to approve as a set; seconded. Tabled – no representative

New Course – SERD 6070 Tabled – no representative

Revised Course – SEGC 6110 Tabled – no representative

### **Library & Information Science**

New Courses – MLIS 7995, 7996, 7997, 7998: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Wallace Koehler explained that the addition of special topics course numbers will facilitate course scheduling when students wish to take more than one special topics course. The proposal was approved.

### **New Program – SLP Clinical Doctorate**

Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dr. Corine Myers-Jennings and Dr. Ruth Stonestreet (Communication Science & Disorders) reported that there was only one SLP.D. program in the United States, and there have been numerous requests for a clinical doctorate program in Georgia. The estimated number of students that would start the program is 15-20; there would be no problem filling seats once the program was approved. Timeline for approval: the Faculty Senate could vote on the proposal as early as October 20. Target date for starting the program

is summer 2012, as suggested by the Provost and President at Valdosta State. The new program proposals were approved.

### Other Business

1. **Deficiency Point System:** Teresa Williams explained the new Graduate School deficiency point system goes into effect fall 2011 for newly admitted graduate students. She asked committee members to review the policy (handed out) with their departments to determine if they wished to use three (3) points as their maximum number. If not, catalog change forms should be submitted, routed through usual channels (departmental, college, Graduate School, Academic Committee, and Faculty Senate).
2. **GRE Update:** Rebecca Waters reminded the committee that ETS is changing the GRE format and that new scores would not be released until after November 15, the general application deadline. Students cannot be told to take the MAT instead, but can be told about the reformatting of the GRE. No concordance is being offered by ETS, but a percentile chart will be available to help departments determine acceptable scores.
3. **Symposium Update:** The next graduate student research and scholarship symposium is set for Friday, April 27, 2012. Resources may be more plentiful for refreshment options. It was suggested that on-line presenters receive more attention – ask IT and Distance Learning to assist. Dr. Fuciarelli expressed thanks to those serving on the previous committee. He called for volunteers to expand the committee – deal with more administrative issues. Vivian Foyou (Poli Sci/DPA/MPA) and Mike Sanger from Social Work volunteered.
4. **Guest Speaker/Reception Event:** Dr. Fuciarelli invited the committee to consider inviting a well known speaker that would appeal to all disciplines. Do we want to start a lecture series of our own? It was mentioned that the College of Education has had success bringing in two speakers each year. Volunteers to serve on a start up committee: Wallace Koehler and Ellice Martin. The committee was asked to think about the possibility and serving on the committee. The committee voted to approve a motion to move forth with this activity.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 3:00 pm.

*Teresa Williams*

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Recorder, Teresa Williams

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