

Graduate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

MEETING LOCATION: Converse 3007

Present: Becky da Cruz, Matthew Carter, Matt Grant, John Lairsey, Anne Price, Debra Gresham, Ann Greenfield, Dixie Haggard, Zhong Lin, Forrest Parker, Nancy Swanson, Lenese Colson, Kelly Davidson, Chris Downing

Proxy: Nancy Swanson for Ellis Heath, Anne Price for Keith Lee, Emily Rose for Mitch Lockhart

Guests: Rebecca Petrella, Cordell Moats, and Darli DeVane,

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Becky da Cruz at 2:00 pm.

Minutes from February 16 19, 2023 were approved. Nancy Swanson motioned to approve. Dixie Haggard seconded. Motion passed: 14 approved - 0 opposed – 2 abstained

College of Education and Human Services

Department of Leadership, Technology & Workforce Development

Request for Graduate school Website revision: Ed.S. in Educational Leadership- The PASL requirement is not needed for out-of-state candidates if they do not hold a Georgia Professional Educator Certificate reflecting the Tier I Educational Leadership field. No vote needed.

Request for Graduate school Website revision: M.Ed. in Educational Leadership- The GACE test requirement is not needed for out-of-state candidates if they do not seek to acquire a Georgia Professional Educator Certificate. No vote needed.

Request for Graduate school Website revision: Education Specialist (ED.S.) in Educational Leadership-Tier II Performance-Based Graduate & Retention tab- Notation for out-of-state online applicants. No vote needed.

Request for Graduate school Website revision: Education Specialist (ED.S. in Educational Leadership-Tier II Performance-Based- Overview tab-This statement is incorrect. Also, the requirement should be placed under the Graduation Requirements. No vote needed.

Request for Graduate school Website revision: Education Specialist (ED.S.) in Educational Leadership - Tier II Performance-Based Admission tab- Notation for out-of-state online applicants and the unavailability of the MAT. No vote needed

Request for Graduate school Website revision: Master of Education Educational Leadership - Tier I P-12 Leadership (Online) Admission tab- The MAT is no longer available. Also, the GACE Program Admissions Assessment or GACE Basic Skills Assessment is no longer required. No vote needed.

Department of Human Services

Request for Revised catalog copy (catalog): Substance Use Certificate- The Substance Use Certificate is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of Social Work students who plan to work in the field of substance use counseling. This certificate can help meet the growing demand for substance use counseling. Matt Grant motioned to approve. Dixie Haggard seconded. Motion passed: 16 approved – 0 opposed – 0 abstained.

Request for Graduate school Website revision: M.A.T. English to Speakers of Other Languages. These changes will allow for the program to admit applicants who would otherwise be successful but do not meet current admission requirements. No vote needed.

Request for Graduate school Website revision: M.A.T. Foreign Language Education- These changes will allow for the program to admit applicants who would otherwise be successful but do not meet current admission. No

vote needed.

Sub/Committee Reports

- **Graduate Student Success** –Chris Downing stated that the committee met last month and discussed some changes that they want to make for the fall kick off. The fall kick off will take place August 10th from 6-7:30 PM online.
- **Doctoral Program Sub-Committee**- The sub-committee will meet April 27th.
- **Graduate Appeals**-No update
- **Graduate Faculty Scholarship**-Spring: The committee was able to fund all (16) Requests for \$11,015
- **Graduate Faculty Membership**-The sub-committee will be meeting on March 30th; there are 20 requests for full status.
- **Graduate Research Symposium**- April 14th there are (30) posters, (7) 3MT's, and (5) musical performances. We plan to have the students who are doing a 3MT to present it in person on the day of the symposium and have the audience judge. The audience will vote on the people's choice award. The GA of the year is being combined with the symposium this year. The awards will be given out near the end of the symposium.

Other Business/Topics from the floor

- **Graduate Admissions Update**-Rebecca stated the application fee has been waived this month and there are a lot of applications coming in. She stated that they are working hard in getting them processed.
- **Graduate Assistant Update**- Dr. da Cruz stated departments will be notified if they were awarded a summer competitive GA by the end of the month.
- **Graduate Student retention**-Dr. da Cruz shared a report that showed how many students were dismissed starting from fall 2019 through fall 2022. The committee discussed reasons why students were dismissed. The report also showed students who started a program and then left. Dr. da Cruz ask the committee to reach out to those students to see if they can come back to VSU.
- **Possible Graduate Program/s for OCCA (AA Strategic Plan)**- Dr. da Cruz stated that upper administration met with the Chancellor, Sonny Purdue, the VP of Academic Affairs and USG about the online degree programs. She stated it was in a pilot stage, but upper administration made a very strong case to keep the programs; to expand the number of undergraduate degrees; and to expand to offer graduate program/s. She stated the case was very well received.
- **Schools w/Grade Replacement**-Dr. da Cruz showed an excel sheet of USG schools that offer grade replacement. After much discussion the committee was in favor of having VSU doing the same. Dr. da Cruz will work on getting the document together and sharing it with the committee. She stated it was too late to get it in next years' catalog.
- **AGS & SGA Updates**- Cordell Moats reported: AGS has a meeting scheduled for March 27th. They were going to hold an open research forum and will be holding officer elections in April.
- **Items from the Floor**- No items were discussed

Motion make to adjourn at 3:20 pm

Next AC Meeting: April 10, 2023

Next GEC Meeting: April 20, 2023

X *Darli DeVane*

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Administrative Coordinator

X *Becky K. da Cruz*

Dr. Becky da Cruz, Associate Provost
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