

Graduate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2024
MEETING LOCATION: Odum Library 1470

Present: Becky da Cruz, Debra Gresham, Ann Greenfield, Lenese Colson, Lynn Crump, Mitch Lockhart, Connie Porcaro, John Lairsey, David Nelson, Zhong Lin, Kelly Davidson, Chris Downing, Ellis Logan, Dee Ott, Arsaian Wares

Proxy: No Proxies

Guests: Rebecca Petrella, Crystal Marshall, Georgia Wynn and Darli DeVane

Special Guest: Jamie Landau and Britt Bugby

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Becky da Cruz at 2:01 pm.

Minutes from August 22, 2024 were approved. Connie Porcaro motioned to approve. Chris Downing seconded. Motion passed: 16 approved - 0 opposed – 0 abstained

Jamie Landau and Britt Bugby, from eLearning was on hand to discuss AI. stated that the AI detection tool is not a reliable tool. She stated faculty need to always have a conversation with the students when using AI. She stated they recommend to use the turn in and Dropbox tool.

College of Business Administration

Department of Accounting

Request to Revised Course (catalog): Seminar in Financial Accounting MACC 7100-Best Practices-David Nelson motioned to approve. John Lairsey seconded. Motion passed: 16 approved – 0 opposed – 0 abstained.

Sub/Committee Reports

- **Graduate Student Success** – Chris Downing shared information from the kick-off survey: 80 percent of the students reported they received valuable information from this event.
- **Doctoral Program**-No report
- **Graduate Appeals**-No Report
- **Graduate Faculty Scholarship**-Dr. da Cruz: the deadline to submit a request for Scholarship travel funds is September 27th for faculty planning to travel between October 16th -February 20th; 3 faculty had already been approved due to special circumstances.
- **Graduate Faculty Membership**-Dr. da Cruz: the deadline to submit for Full Graduate membership is September 20th; the committee will be meeting Oct 1st to vote on the applications; it is on the agenda to discuss the application process and whether it can be tied to the P&T process.

Other Business/Topics from the floor

- **Graduate Admissions Update**-Rebecca: IT was hoping to get the advising tool ready by the first of October; the recruiting events coming up are Grad Finale on October 1 & 2 for students graduating in December; Info Session on Oct 16 at 6pm virtually.
- **Proposed Dismissal/Readmission Policy**-Dr. da Cruz discussed the possibility of adding a section in the policy that would deal with dismissal for a student's conduct. The committee was in favor of this and Dr. da Cruz will present a draft policy at the next GEC meeting.
- **Status of Student Services Coordinator position hire**-Dr. da Cruz: in the process of hiring for this position. The new hire will work on recruiting, communications, retention and some website stuff. They will help with GA onboarding and she stated she would like them to participate in Open House as well.

- **Bylaw: At-large Membership-process of selection**-Dr. da Cruz: there was no information in the Bylaws about electing At-large members; the committee was in favor of adding a statement that clearly explains that faculty should be nominated by their Dean and elected by the committee and that they would be required to serve a 2-year term; Dr. da Cruz will present draft language at the next GEC meeting.
- **Direct Admissions discussion**-Dr. da Cruz: asked the program representatives about direct admissions for seller students if they have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member in their program and requisite GPA. The student would still need to apply, but this would let the student know that we would like them to attend grad school at VSU.
- **AGS & SGA Updates**- Georgia Wynn: the next AGS meeting is Thursday, September 26th at 4pm with Career Opportunities talking about their services. In October they plan to do a resume writing workshop as well as planning some fund raisers as well.
- **Items from the Floor**- Dr. da Cruz: requested the committee review the draft policy that Michael Black and Sharon Gravett have worked on that defines dual degrees, majors, minors, certificates, concentrations, etc. and to provide feedback. There was some discussion on students who take the 4+1 and how this would affect them.

Motion made to adjourn at 3:25 pm

Next AC Meeting: October 7, 2024

Next GEC Meeting: October 17, 2024

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Administrative Coordinator

X *Becky K. da Cruz*

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