

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2017

MEETING LOCATION: 3007 CONVERSE

Present: Elvan Aktas, Shirley Andrews, Serey Bright, David Bruno (for Phillip Dybicz), Erick Chambers (for Jim Loughry), Maren Clegg-Hyer, JT Cox, Kelly Davidson (for Luis Bejarano), Iris Ellis, Herb Fiester, Matthew Grant, Dixie Haggard, Linda Jurczak, James LaPlant, Shannon Lowe, Jerry Merwin, Linda Most, Anne Price, Michelle Ritter, Kate Walden (for Matt Carter). Guests: Jamil Davis, Rebecca Petrella, James Whelan, Teresa Williams

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

Minutes from August 24, 2017 were approved with 1 abstention.

College of Arts & Sciences

Certificate Notification (Teaching College History); Curriculum Change – History Certificate; Curriculum Change – MA in History; New Courses – HIST 5700, 6700: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dixie Haggard said that the certificate allows students to earn 18 hours in content so they can teach college-level courses. They may later opt to continue with the MA in History. The language requirement for the non-thesis option is being dropped and the total credit hours reduced to 30 hours. Two new courses will be offered online, allowing students in the MA program to take seminar-like classes. The course descriptions in the syllabi need to match the proposals' descriptions. The proposals were approved with changes.

College of Education & Human Resources

Curriculum Change – MED in IT (Library Media); New Course – ITED 7204: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Herb Fiester said that the proposal adds a course to cover outdated content and change the title to better reflect the content. ITED 7204 is a newly created CLT course to serve the MED in IT Library Media students who are currently taking a course that is offered by another department. Proposals were approved with changes.

Topics from the Floor

1. Accepting PLA Credit at the Graduate Level: Jerry Merwin mentioned that two courses were already in place, MSED 7002 & 7005, but so far no requests to use as PLA. The PA program is now considering a request for a student. Typically this involves a department or program offering to accept PLA based on one's knowledge of a subject matter, not experience (on the job). Often a portfolio is evaluated, parallel to how CLEP works – it goes into BANNER as test credit. If grades of S/U are used, the U will count as 2 deficiency points. Implications for accreditation were discussed. Compensation for faculty was discussed. The consensus was that possible PLA credit could be addressed at the program level rather than overarching language in the Graduate Catalog. The PA program could consider language for their program handbook.

2. Marketing Requests: James LaPlant reminded faculty to let him know their marketing requests - \$1000, \$2000, \$3000. He is trying to secure funds now. Graduate Faculty Scholarships were available (\$750 each). End-of-year funds can be used for marketing items stretching into next year.
3. Dissertation Committee Spreadsheet: James LaPlant said that the spreadsheet is now “live” on the Graduate Faculty Lists web page. Teresa Williams demonstrated the links showing eligible faculty to serve on COEHS dissertation committees and the spreadsheet which show faculty research methodological expertise across all colleges (now formatted for ease of viewing).
4. Reminder: Graduate Student Funding for Travel available. Up to \$6000 has been awarded so far. It was suggested to update the form to include workshops.
5. Reminder: The deadline for submitting graduate faculty scholarship fund applications is October 6.

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

Teresa Williams
Teresa Williams, Recorder

James LaPlant
James LaPlant, AVP for Research and Dean of the
Graduate School