College of Education (COE) Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2021

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Video-conferencing at 1:00 pm on April 7, 2021.

Attendance: Drs. Sharon Darling (ESE), Deborah Shepherd, Eileen Ariza-Zoeller (T&L), Paul Peluso, Ali Danesh (CSD), Caitlin Imgrund (CSD), Kelly Emelianchik-Key (CE), Sabrina Sembiante (CCEI), Lisa Finnegan (ESE), Bianca Nightengale-Lee (CCEI), Maysaa Barakat (ELRM), Victoria Brown (T&L) and Meredith Mountford (ELRM).

Recorder: Maysaa Barakat

1. Minutes: Motion to approve the March 3, 2021 minutes. Motion was made by Dr. Darling and seconded by Dr. Finnegan. Unanimously approved.

2. Curriculum Subcommittee: Dr. Peluso reported on one item form the Curriculum Subcommittee. EDH 6085 Social Justice in Higher Education, a new course proposed by the department of ELRM. The proposed course was reviewed by the curriculum sub-committee and recommend for approval. It came to the GPC with a motion (& second) and a positive recommendation and was unanimously approved.

    a. Dr. Peluso reported on a suggestion from Dr. Finnegan to develop a common list of possible elective courses for the COE. This suggestion was supported by members of the curriculum sub-committee. Paul had already emailed department chairs within the college and asked for a list of available Masters and PhD elective courses. Dr. Peluso will collate these into one list. Notably: 7000 or above level courses will be recommended for PhD students.

3. Student Petitions Subcommittee: The report was presented by Dr. Darling. The petitions subcommittee reviewed 14 petitions from six departments: CSD submitted two petitions-both to increase credit hours on internship course; CE submitted six petitions-one to waive recency of credit, two to waive residency requirement, two to waive the GRE, and one to delay the GRE for a conditionally accepted student; CCEI submitted one petition to waive continuous enrollment; ELRM submitted three petitions-all three to waive residency requirement; ESE submitted one petition to remove a course from a student's POS; and T&L submitted one petition to allow a student to graduate without completing certification requirements of master's degree (student will not have certification statement on his transcript). The committee recommended approval on all petitions. Motion (& Second) to accept the subcommittee's recommendations made by Sharon Darling, Petitions Subcommittee Chair. Unanimously approved.

4. UGC/UGP: Paul Peluso provided a report and updated the COE GPC committee about the University Graduate Council/University Graduate Programs Committee. An email requesting vote on the revision to the faculty governance document was sent from the graduate college. It will remain open till April 30, 2021. They will need 10% of graduate faculty to vote and 70% of the received votes need to in favor of the proposed changes for it to pass.
5. Other Business: No other business was reported.

6. Any questions or suggestions for the good of the GPC?
    a. Dr. Peluso requested input regarding how the GPC would proceed next year. Will committee members want to go be back to in person meetings? Or would they prefer that meetings continue using zoom?
        i. Dr. Darling made a motion to continue meeting via zoom for the 2021/2022academic year. Dr. Eileen Ariza-Zoeller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Adjourn: Dr. Peluso expressed gratitude to the committee members for their work. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm. The motion was made by Lisa Finnegan and seconded by Caitlin Imgrund.

