College of Education (COE) Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2021

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Video-conferencing at 1:00 pm on September 22, 2021.

Attendance: Drs. Paul Peluso (chair), Sharon Darling, Maysaa Barakat, Bianca Nightengale-Lee, Sabrina Sembiante, Eileen Ariza-Zoeller, Ali Danesh, Caitlin Imgrund, Kelly Emelianchik-Key, Victoria Brown, Jarrett Warshaw, Deborah Shepherd, and Lisa Finnegan.

Recorder: Lisa Finnegan

1. Minutes: Motion to approve the August 25, 2021 minutes was initiated by Dr. Darling and seconded by Dr. Ariza-Zoeller. Unanimously approved.

2. Petitions Subcommittee Report (Sharon Darling):

a. A total of six petitions were reviewed by the subcommittee. CE and CCEI each had one petition for approval of additional external course credits. ELRM had four petitions to review. Petitions for ELRM (4) included request to waive residency, request to waive reapplication fee, request to switch from Ed.S. to M. Ed., and request to waive application fee to complete FELE.
b. All six petitions were presented by this subcommittee. These petitions had the support from the subcommittee and the GPC unanimously approved their decision.

3. Curriculum Subcommittee:

a. One item was brought forward from the CCEI/TL Department by the Curriculum subcommittee. This capstone course for Ed.S. program requires a change to the catalog description and requires concentration area notation on transcripts.
b. The petition had the support from the subcommittee and GPC unanimously approved their decision.

4. Chair report (Paul Peluso):

a. GPC Meetings Update: Cheryl Marcello will be the coordinator for distributing GPC documentation and setting up the meetings for the college from this point forward. Departments should send any curriculum items to Cheryl. Dr. Nightengale-Lee suggested that the Zoom meetings be sent as a calendar invite for ease of planning/scheduling for faculty. Dr. Peluso will share the request with Cheryl for future meetings.

b. UGC report:

- Paul Peluso reported that there are a couple of initiatives under way by UGC. A draft of policy on Chairing dissertations has been created and they are currently seeking clarification by the Provost within the next couple weeks. As a part of this policy alternative forms of dissertations are also being discussed. Dr. Barakat asked if departments will see the draft to be able to provide feedback. Paul shared that the policy will be shared with all departments for their feedback and then they will report to Senate Steering.

5. Miscellaneous/other business:

Paul Peluso reported on discussions occurring at the recent Faculty Senate regarding the upcoming budget meeting and suggested all GPC members attend. He also mentioned a statement from the Chair of the BoT indicating that comments made about the BoT involvement in promotion and tenure decision making was based on one Board member's perspective and that the majority of Board members agree that it is the President's job to assure only qualified candidates are brought forward. Also noted from the meeting was the concern of UF in West Palm Beach and it was shared that FAU is in conversation with UF regarding collaboration opportunities.

Dr. Barakat inquired if there is an intent to centralize assistants with the change in administrative support for GPC. Dr. Peluso explained that GPC is done out of the Dean's office and there are no plans centralize administrative staff. The change in GPC support is due to a need for workload management of the existing staff due to a retirement in the CE department.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.