College of Education
Graduate Programs Committee Meeting
Minutes

February 9, 2022
12:30 pm – Student Petition Subcommittee; 12:30 – Curriculum Subcommittee (Remotely)
1 PM GPC Convenes

Call to order:
The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Video-conferencing at 1:02 pm on February 9, 2022.

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

Recorder: Caitlin Imgrund

1. **Review of prior meeting minutes**
    - Minutes approved unanimously without objection.

2. **Curriculum Committee Report and Recommendations**
    - The report was shared by Paul Peluso. CSD proposed a change in their deadline for admissions to their MA SLP program from February 1st to January 15th. It came to the GPC with a motion (& second) and a positive recommendation. It was unanimously approved.

3. **Student Petitions Committee Report and Recommendations**
    - Three Departments submitted a total of seven petitions. CCEI submitted four petitions (i.e., late drop, waive transcript, leave of absence, waive continuous enrollment); EDRM submitted two petitions (i.e., change degree level, waive application process and fee for readmission); T&L submitted one petition (i.e., waive recency of credit). Subcommittee recommending approval on all seven petitions. It came to the GPC with a motion (& second) and was unanimously approved
    - Announcements from Sharon Darling:
        - CCEI and T&L will continue to be listed separately in the petitions process until the college determines how representation will be handled for college-level committees. ESE petitions will be listed under the new department name, Special Education.
        - ePOS: If students are going to substitute courses as part of their plan of study, the ePOS needs to indicate that it is a substitution when it goes to the graduate college for approval. It is the student's responsibility list the substitution (both the original course and the substituted course) on the ePOS.

4. **Proposed draft policy language on chairing dissertations and incentives for faculty**

- Sabrina Sembiante and Paul Peluso shared updates on the proposed revisions to the policy language, which was drafted by the Graduate Counsel. A brief discussion of the document occurred. Feedback on the policy language has been gathered from impacted departments. The draft has been referred back to steering, which sent it back to the policy committee.

5. **Research Committee Report – Using APA JARS as template for checking COE Dissertations**
    - The COE research committee has reviewed the APA JARS checklists and will be sharing with chairs, faculty members who are involved with dissertations, and the GPC to obtain feedback.
    - Brief discussion took place around the use of these checklists and how they would be implemented. Questions were raised concerning the process by which approval would be obtained (who, when, how, etc.).

6. **Alternative Dissertation Formats**
    - Paul Peluso presented on alternative dissertation formats including: Traditional simple, traditional complex, manuscript style, topic-based, single manuscript hybrid, and topic manuscript hybrid dissertations. Currently, alternative dissertation formats are neither disallowed nor allowed by university policy. Discussion of need for a policy regarding dissertation formats and the possible benefits/drawback of alternative dissertation formats took place.

7. **5000-level Course Restrictions Feedback**
    - Dr. Peluso reported that at the last GPC meeting, Brian Hodge (Registrar) asked for feedback from the colleges on the current policy of not restricting registration for 5000-level courses to graduate students only. The GPC is considering applying a level restriction to all 5000-level courses. The policy will be discussed at the next GPC meeting.

8. **Faculty Senate Report**
    - President Kelly spoke at the faculty senate meeting about the provost search. He has identified a search firm and is forming a search committee. He has agreed to faculty representation on the search committee but did not give specifics.

9. **Other**
    - Discussion of COE department faculty searches- approval has been stalled.
    - Paul Peluso asked committee members to create a list of department courses that could be taken as electives by doctoral students in other departments/programs.

Adjourn:
Motion to adjourn made by Sharon Darling and second by Ali Danesh. Meeting ended at 2:40.