

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2022 - ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Bugdal, Fulton Rep
Celine Carayon, HIST
Doug DeWitt, Ed Leadership and Chair
Heather Diehl, MSW
Maida Finch, Ed.D./REED
James Fox, EDLD
Elizabeth Geiger, OGS
Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies
Martin Hunter, Registrar
Carolyn King, At-Large Seat
Jacques Koko, CADR
Laura Marinaro, MSAT
Isabel Quintana Wulf, ENGL
Vicki Root, At-Large Rep
Jessica Scott, OGS

Thea Williamson, Seidel Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Annette Barnes, DNP/Nursing
Jennifer Bergner, MSME
Christina Bradley, Henson Rep
Yvonne Downie-Hanley, M.B.A.
Stuart Hamilton, GIS
Allen Koehler, AVP Enrollment Management
Scott Mazzetti, HHPF Jessica Strange, GSC President
Dana Price, BIO
Diana Wagner, EDUC
Star Weaver, MAT

I. Call to Order – 3:30 p.m.

II. Minutes

- Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

III. Curriculum

- EDCI 561 – Course Change Proposal
 - The "Issues and Trends" course in the old post-secondary track was essentially a current issues course. The course instructor, Dr. Diana Wagner, revised the course during the pandemic to examine both pandemic response and historical crisis responses in higher education. This curricular change also adds an element previously missing from this program: organizational crisis communication. Recommended for approval by GCC.

Vote – 11 Yeas, 1 Abstention

IV. GCC Approval Process

- Both undergrad and grad go through school process. J. Scott and M. Hunter sit on GCC so there is still input.
- C. Griffin is no longer signing off to reduce steps required.
- GCC members met and agreed that historically, Grad Council approval has been a rubber stamp.
- D. DeWitt asked Grad Council APC group to meet and come up with some language for bylaw changes.
- V. Root – Must have certain number of people be GC members.

- L. Marinaro – Seeing a growing number of committees struggle to retain membership. The GCC must remain functional to get curriculum passed.

V. Common Language for Undergraduate and Graduate

- MHEC recognizes Concentrations as 24+ credits, Tracks as 12-23 credits and under 12 credits is a Focus.
- Concentrations require external approval. Tracks and a Focus only need internal approval.
- Some programs, such as MSW, must use different language (specializations) for accreditation purposes.
- C. Griffin – Vernacular and credit requirements are different at the graduate level. Can use whatever language necessary externally but should use necessary language internally.
- M. Hunter – Concentrations can be included on degree transcripts.

VI. Dean's Remarks – C. Griffin

- Thank you for enrollment management. Slate is a great tool and all programs should be using it as much as possible.
- Appreciate the efforts by MARCOM. Metropolitan piece is going out and will be a great marketing tool.
- Grad students are eligible to apply for the Summer Research Fund. Deadline is 4/29.

VII. Other Remarks

- C. Carayon – Recently had an issue with a student and discovered the student had been released from another SU program for similar reasons. Can they be flagged? Do we ask this on the application?
- C. Griffin – Will make sure application is asking appropriate information regarding academic and conduct dismissals.
- M. Hunter – A service indicator can be created but it would require a policy change.
- D. DeWitt – Should look at this policy from an institution point of view.
- D. DeWitt – Will be speaking at the Relay for Life event and welcomes everyone to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Submitted by Jessica Scott