College of Education (COE) Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Video-conferencing at 1:05pm on January 13, 2021.

Attendance: Drs. Sharon Darling (ESE), Deborah Shepherd, Eileen Ariza (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), Meredith Mountford (for Jarrett Warshaw) (ELRM), and Victoria Brown (T&L).

Petitions Subcommittee attendance: Drs. Sharon Darling, Eileen Ariza, Sabrina Sembiante, Deborah Sheppard, Caitlin Imgrund, Kelly Emelianchik-Key.

Recorder: Dr. Sabrina Sembiante

1. Minutes approval. Motion to approve the December 2020 minutes with two edits (i.e., change the vote to approve the cancellation of CCEI TESOL and ECE masters from passing unanimously to passing with one abstention at the curriculum committee and one abstention at the GPC. Motion was made by Sabrina S. and seconded by Eileen A. Unanimously approved.
2. Student Petitions Committee Report and Recommendations (presented by Sharon D.). Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 7 petitions from four departments: CSD submitted 1 petition (for leave of absence); CE submitted 4 petitions (1 petition to transfer 24 credits into the master's program instead of 18 credits, 2 petitions to waive GRE scores based on their age, 1 petition to waive continuous enrollment); CCEI submitted 1 petition (for leave of absence); ELRM submitted 1 petition (to waive residency requirements – all but FELE). Motion (& Second) to accept the subcommittee's commendations made by Sharon D., Petitions Subcommittee Chair. Unanimously approved.
3. No Curriculum Committee items or report.
4. No University Graduate Council/University Graduate Programs Committee Updates (presented Paul P.)
5. Other Business (presented by Paul P.) Paul sent an email in December to GPC committee members about the report out of the Graduate Council regarding recommendations around expectations and compensation for dissertation work and changes to graduate faculty status in the graduate governance document (i.e., that the renewal period for graduate faculty status be changed from 5 years to 7 years). These items are not yet voted on by the Graduate Council. The one major issue brought forward by COE and College of Business faculty of requiring an external committee member on dissertation committees was changed to a recommendation from a requirement. Graduate Council wanted more time to review the report before voting. After the Graduate Council votes, the report and graduate governance document will go out to entire graduate faculty where

10% of graduate faculty will need to participate. A majority of that 10% of faculty is required to amend the document. The vote will be on the entire document as a whole. The rationale behind 10% being the percentage of faculty needed to vote is historical and may be based on low attendance rates of senators in previous years. The graduate governance document has not been amended since it was created in 2009.

6. Adjourn: Sharon D. moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Caitlin I. Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm. Minutes prepared by Sabrina S.