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

Meeting Minutes

Nov 30, 2022

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Video-conferencing at 1:07 pm on Nov 30, 2022.

In Attendance: Drs. Paul Peluso (CE, Chair of GPC), Victoria Brown (T&L), Ali Danesh (CSD), Sharon Darling (DSE), Kelley Emelianchik-Key (CE), Lisa Finnegan (DSE), Bianca Nightengale-Lee (C&I), Sabrina Sembiante (C&I), Deborah Shepherd (Dean's Representative), Jarrett Warshaw (ELRM), and Maysaa Barakat (ELRM).

- **Roll Call and Convening Announcements.** Welcome extended by Paul P., COE-GPC Chair. **Minutes Approval.** Motion to approve the October 19, 2022 minutes. Revision to the minutes proposed by Sabrina Sembiante to add an e to Kelley Emelianchik-Key's first name. Motion to approve the minutes by two members. Unanimously approved.
- **Recorder for Minutes.** Recorder role for the COE GPC rotates among the committee members. Bianca Nightengale-Lee volunteered to take this meeting's minutes.
- **Student Petitions Committee Report and Recommendations** (presented by Sharon Darling). Petitions Sub-committee reviewed 17 petitions from four departments: **CE** submitted six petitions; **C&I** submitted three petitions; **EDLRM** submitted seven petitions, **DSE** submitted one petition. Motion (& second) to accept the subcommittee's recommendations, made by Sharon D., Petitions Subcommittee Chair, to approve all petitions. Motion unanimously approved.
- **Curriculum Committee Report and Recommendations** (presented by Paul Peluso). Curriculum Sub-committee reviewed requests from two departments **DSE** and **C&I**. The Department of Special Education (DSE) proposed a change of program for the M.Ed. in Exceptional Student Education to streamline offerings for a fully on-line master's program indicated by the following requests:
    a. Delete 4 initial or temporary teaching certification when entering the program
    b. Change degree description
    c. Delete four concentrations (Instructional Practices, Gifted Education, Reading, and Professional Development)

  All requests were unanimously approved.

  The Department of Curriculum & Instruction (C&I) proposed three program changes indicated by the following requests:

    d. Revisions to the admission requirements to the C&I Ph.D. program

e. Revisions to the admission requirements to the Curriculum & Instruction Ed.S. program
f. Revisions to the pre-requisites for a course in the PhD program-specifically to remove EDA 6415 and EDF 6481 as pre-requisites for EDF 7578

All requests for revisions to admission requirements for both the Ph.D. and Ed.S. programs were approved unanimously. The request to remove EDA 6415 and EDF 6481 as pre-requisites for EDF 7578 received five approvals and one abstention.

- **University Graduate Council (UGC)/University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) Updates** (presented by Paul Peluso). The GPC chair reported that the topic of graduate student stipend has been discussed at many levels and a meeting with the representatives of graduate students and the graduate school about the wages for TAs and GAs. In January 2023 the university will announce an increase in GA/TA stipends. Additionally, there is discussions of re-purposing old housing units to be dedicated for graduate student and faculty housing, but nothing has been finalized. Additionally, Paul P. reported that at the next faculty senate meeting, President Kelly will address the committee for the last time as acting president. During this meeting there will be some discussion of the latest BOG post-tenure review document. To date, the BOG has made no revisions to the previous document reflective of the input from the SUS community. Public comment on the document has been extended to the 6th/9th of December b2022. Maysaa B asked about submitting a collective statement on behalf of the GPC on the public comment website. Paul P stated that he thinks only individuals can comment within the public comment website. The BOG will meet at FIU in mid to late January to discuss this document further. The union is spearheading a campaign to rally together faculty across all SUS for this meeting to voice their concerns. On another note, Paul P stated that a joint meeting with the GPC and dept chairs will commence next semester to discuss overlapping and conflicting courses. Maysaa B, and Jared W stated that their department was concerned by the lack of faculty representation within these discussions. Paul P agreed that faculty input would be solicited on this issue, but he will start with smaller groups of leadership to begin conversations. Paul P will work on inviting department chairs, UPC and GPC for a meeting on this topic.
- **Other Business.** Maysaa B shared that EDLRM would be addressing the early start of the spring 2025 semester at the next senate meeting. Further discussion about the adverse implications of the early start date of January 4th 2025 as opposed to January 11, 2025 included:
    a. Condensed intersession for faculty and staff.
    b. Inadequate time for faculty to effectively prepare for the spring semester.

c. International and Non-Dominant holidays will still be in effect for many students and faculty.
d. Rising travel costs as students/faculty will have to come back earlier during the X-Mas/New Year season.
e. Faculty input is needed for these decisions. Administrative units making decision that impact faculty without their input is problematic.
f. Impacts student success as students may not be able to get back to FAU within the condensed window.

- **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.