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

Meeting Minutes

September 2023

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Video-conferencing at 1:03 pm on September 20, 2023.

In Attendance: Maysaa Barakat (ELRM), Jarrett Warshaw (ELRM), Sharon Darling (DSE), Lisa Finnegan (DSE), Caitlin Imgrund (CSD), Dale Williams (CSD), Adrianna Labarta (CE), Paul Peluso (CE, Chair of GPC), Sabrina Sembiante (C&I), Deborah Shepherd (Dean's Representative), and **Roll Call and Convening Announcements. Minutes Approval.** Minutes from August 2023 meeting were approved without revisions.

- **Recorder for Minutes.** Recorder role for the COE GPC rotates among the committee members. Lisa F. volunteered to take this meeting's minutes.
- **Curriculum Committee Report and Recommendations** (presented by Paul P.). Curriculum Sub-committee did not meet, as there were no curriculum items.
- **Student Petitions Committee Report and Recommendations** (presented by Sharon D.). Petitions Sub-committee reviewed eight petitions from three departments: **CE** submitted three petitions (waive continuous enrollment, waive residency, request to remove late withdrawal from transcript); **EDLRM** submitted four petitions (2 waive continuous enrollment, 2 leave of absence); and **CI** submitted one petition (waive continuous enrollment). Motion (& Second) to accept the subcommittee's recommendations for approval of all petitions, made by Sharon D., Petitions Subcommittee Chair; passed.
- **University Graduate Council (UGC)/University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) Updates** (presented by Paul P.).
    - Follow-up conversation looking regarding food insecurities of students. Discussion are occurring within Student Affairs, Senate, etc.. Food drives for the food pantry are being discussed. An increase in hot meal vouchers of up to 2 per week has been established. FFEA in C&I is planning a food drive October 2 -16, 2023
    - In follow-up on the potential issue for consideration this academic year by COE GPC-Department "ownership" of academic terminology. A joint meeting with the Chairs will be planned and then shared with Faculty Assembly for discussion and review.
- **Other Business.**
    - University Faculty Senate passed a resolution requesting Kim Dunn bring to the BOT a declaration of faculty desire to offer Interim President Stacey Volnick, an offer for a three year contractual term to help reduce the distraction, disruption, and negativity that FAU is receiving due to the cancellation of the Presidential search. Kim Dunn will present the resolution to the BOT meeting on September 26, 2023.
    - PTR -document outlining draft of a policy> Reviews will begin Spring 2023. 20% who are eligible will go forward this spring. All Chairs in the university will be meeting and the COE Chairs will meet with the Dean. If we don't hit the 20% eligible criteria faculty will be identified to volunteer. Paul P. suggests everyone read the PTR document. Suggestion is that PTR be more stringent the SPE criteria. There does not appear to be a push back by the university and it was shared by tthe group that it was disheartening to see that the university is simply complying with the law as opposed to asking questions. The importance of being a member of the union was also mentioned to support faculty in instances such as PTR.

Adjourn: Sabrina S. moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dale W. meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.