College of Education

**Graduate Programs Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday January 11, 2023

GPC Convened at 1:00p.m. Remotely via zoom
https://fau-edu.zoom.us/j/89343037635?pwd=eFFIREhwTVFoV3NVMHZ3UnpYeU5SUT09

1. Roll Call, Convening and Announcements
   - 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 (Associate Dean), Jarrett Warshaw (ELRM), and Maysaa Barakat (ELRM).
   - Recorder of Minutes: Maysaa Barakat
2. Review And Approval of Prior Minutes
   - Minutes approved unanimously with a minor edit to reflect the change below:

     **Other Business**. ~~Maysaa B shared that EDLRM would~~ Dr. Darling, in her capacity as a COE senator will be addressing the early start of the spring 2025 semester at the next senate meeting.
3. Student Petitions Committee Report and Recommendations
   - Seven Petitions from two departments were reviewed by the subcommittee.
   - C&I- One petition to maintain full-time status while enrolled part-time (to access GTA support);
   - ELRM-One petition to waive full-time status; two to waive the application process and fee to change degree level, two to waive continuous enrollment (all but FELE), one to waive recency of credit (10 year rule).
   - Subcommittee recommended approving six of the seven petitions and to return the seventh petition (EDLRM - to waive full-time status), as it seems the student is no longer in need of the petition; she is actually enrolled for the sufficient number of credits.
   - Subcommittee recommendations were unanimously approved by the GPC

     There was a brief discussion regarding the requirement of a minimum of 6 credit hours for students to maintain full-time status in order to receive financial aid. Special consideration for students at the dissertation phase, who end up with an inflated number of dissertation hours that exceeds the required 20 hours in their effort to maintain full-time status. Dr. Peluso will raise the issue at the UGC
4. Curriculum Committee Report and Recommendations
   - Only one curriculum item by the Department of Special Education, to reduce the number of credit hours for the M.Ed. in Special Education specializing in the Applied Behavior

Analysis (ABA) from 42 to 36 credit hours to keep it in line with accreditation.

- The Change Program Request included eliminating two courses: STA 6113 (Educational Statistics Research) and EDF 6481 (Educational Research)
- The program change motion passed the curriculum sub committee by majority and a recommendation to approve came to the GPC. The subcommittee's recommendation was approved.

5. University Graduate Council/University Graduate Programs Committee Updates
   - No Updates
6. Senate Updates
   - A brief update was provided by Dr. Darling where she shared that in regard to the 2025 calendar that was addressed in the Senate meeting, the early start of January 4 was presented during the meeting as unavoidable and duplicative of previous times. The early start date and the academic calendars for 2023-2025 were approved and passed Senate Steering Committee and Senate.
   - Dr. Peluso added that there were discussions in Faculty Assembly Steering Committee about the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and prohibiting its use as an instructional day, and about changing the number of reading days. Accordingly, the calendar might come back to Senate Steering Committee and Senate. If that happens, Dr. Peluso will reraise the concerns regarding the early start.
7. Meeting with Chairs and Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC)
   - Holding a meeting to have an open dialogue and reach an understanding regarding areas of overlap
     - ❖ Hoping to hold the meeting late February or early March
8. Post Tenure Review
   - The BOG will convene its next meeting on January 25 & 26 at Florida International University (FIU), in Miami, where the Regulation will be discussed and possibly voted on
9. Adjourn