College of Education
Graduate Programs Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday

February 26, 2025
12:30 p.m. – Sub Committee Meetings
1 PM GPC Convenes

Zoom Meeting

12:30 – Sub Committees - (Sub-Committee Chairs will announce meeting rooms.)
1 pm COE GPC

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Videoconferencing at 1:00 pm on February 26, 2025

In Attendance: Maysaa Barakat (ELRM), Katie Friesen (ELRM), Sharon Darling (DSE), Lisa Finnegan (DSE), Christy Timm Fulkerson (CSD), Adriana Labarta (CE), Elizabeth Villares Sacks (CE, Chair of GPC), Sabrina Sembiante (C&I), Michelle Vaughan-McGovern (C&I), Deborah Shepherd (Dean's Representative)

1. Roll call, convening and announcements

2. Review and approval of prior minutes
   - ❖ Dr. Vaughan motioned to approve January minutes; Dr. Finnegan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Recorder for Minutes
   - ❖ Dr. Labarta volunteered to take this meeting's minutes.

4. Curriculum Committee Report and Recommendations
   - ❖ Dr. Villares explained new guidelines for curriculum proposals, including an online form for future CoE curriculum proposal requests, which will help streamline the process.
   - ❖ Dr. Villares discussed the need for a standardized process for submitting catalog changes moving forward.
   - ❖ Dr. Villares presented two curriculum proposals from the Counselor Education department. The first proposal is to create a new online program for the M.Ed. in School Counseling program. Dr. Villares explained that this new program will not eliminate the in-person M.Ed. school counseling program. The proposal is scheduled to be approved one year from now to allow formal approval from the provost's office and to prepare for the curriculum to run parallel to the current school counseling program. The second proposal is to create an Ed.S. in School Counseling online

program. The motion to approve the two curriculum proposals was unanimously approved by the CoE-GPC committee.

- ❖ Dr. Villares noted that previously approved proposals from the Educational Leadership and Research Methodology (EDA 6053, EDA 6191, EDA 6232, EDA 6786) and Special Education (EEX 6680, M.Ed. ABA concentration) departments were pulled from the February Faculty Senate agenda for revisions. Dr. Villares is working with each department to ensure the corrections are made and resubmitted for approval at the March Faculty Senate meeting.

5. Student Petitions Committee Report and Recommendations
   - ❖ Eight Petitions from four departments were reviewed.
     i. CE: Two petitions to waive continuous enrollment. The Petitions Committee recommends approval for both.
     ii. DCI: Four petitions: One requesting a leave of absence, one request to waive continuous enrollment, one request to waive max. GA hours from 20 to 40 hours; and one request to waive recency of credit. The Petitions Committee recommends approval for all. The petition to waive max. GA hours from 20 to 40 hours is approved for up to 31 hours, not 40.
     iii. EDLRM: One request to waive recency of credit for 17 courses and to waive continuous enrollment. The Petitions Committee recommends approval. Adult and Community Leaders degree program is ending.
     iv. DSE: One request to waive continuous enrollment. The Petitions Committee recommends approval pending a statement from the Department Chair supporting his recommendation.
   - ❖ The COE-GPC accepts the recommendations from the Petitions Committee, approving all petitions with the caveats stated above.

6. University Graduate Council/University Graduate Programs Committee Updates
   - ❖ Dr. Villares shared that the Graduate Student Association is holding various events, which have been advertised to academic advisors and in recent newsletters. Faculty attendance is encouraged.

7. Other
   - ❖ No other items were discussed.

8. Adjourn
   - ❖ Dr. Darling motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.