College of Education (COE) Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Video-conferencing at 1:03 PM on March 3, 2021.

Attendance: Drs. Sharon Darling (ESE), Deborah Shepherd, Eileen Ariza-Zoeller (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), and Victoria Brown (T&L).

Recorder: Caitlin Imgrund

1. Minutes: Motion to approve the February 10, 2021 minutes with one edit (i.e., incorrect meeting date). Motion was made by Sharon Darling and seconded by Dr. Ariza-Zoeller. Unanimously approved.

2. Curriculum Subcommittee: No report or items form the Curriculum Subcommittee were presented.

3. Student Petitions Subcommittee: The report was presented by Sharon Darling. The petitions subcommittee reviewed 6 petitions from two departments: CE submitted 2 petitions (1 petition to waive the 5 year rule for GRE, 1 petition to increase GA hours). ELRM submitted 4 petitions (2 petitions to wave the residency requirements –all but FELE, 1 petition to graduate without passing the FELE, and 1 petition to remove two courses from a student transcript). The committee recommended approval on all petitions. Motion (& Second) to accept the subcommittee's recommendations made by Sharon Darling, Petitions Subcommittee Chair. Unanimously approved.

4. UGC/UGP: Paul Peluso provided a report and updated the COE GPC committee about the University Graduate Council/University Graduate Programs Committee. (1) A vote on the revision to the faculty governance document is forthcoming. The graduate faculty will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed changes, including a change in the requirement for outside committee members on dissertation committees and changing the renewal timeframe for graduate faculty status from 5 to 7 years. (2) At the coming UGC meeting there will be a presentation about international student admissions. Increasing the campus presence of international students will be discussed. (3) The Dean of the Graduate College will be speaking about waiving GRE admissions requirements beyond 2021. A larger discussion about the role of the GRE in graduate admissions will take place.

5. UFS: Paul Peluso provided a report on the University Faculty Senate. (1) A link to the University Diversity Survey has been distributed. Faculty are encouraged to complete the

survey. (2) Revisions are being made to the policy on the assignment of research space. (3) The provost's office has established the Academic Programs Committee to evaluate university academic programs. The committee has membership representation from administration, faculty, and financial affairs. The bottom performing 25 academic programs identified by the committee will be further scrutinized. (4) The Board of Trustees has called a series of special meetings. The first will take place on Tuesday, March 16th at 10:00 AM. The provost will be speaking on the new financial review system. Faculty were encouraged to attend.

6. Other Business: No other business was reported.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM. The motion was made by Ali Danesh and seconded by Eileen Ariza-Zoeller.