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

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2021

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Video-conferencing at 1:00 pm on August 25, 2021.

Attendance: Drs. Sharon Darling, Eileen Ariza-Zoeller, Paul Peluso (chair), Ali Danesh, Caitlin Imgrund, Kelly Emelianchik-Key, Sabrina Sembiante, Lisa Finnegan, Bianca Nightengale-Lee, Maysaa Barakat, Victoria Brown and Jarrett Warshaw.

Recorder: Ali Danesh

1. Minutes: Motion to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes. Unanimously approved.

2. Petitions Subcommittee Report (Sharon Darling):

   a. Two petitions were presented by this subcommittee. These petitions had the support form the subcommittee and the GPC unanimously approved their decision.
   b. During summer 2021, Dr. Deborah Shepherd and her team, processed and finalized 33 petitions from 6 departments at the college of education. The GPC appreciates their hard work and efforts.
   c. The merging departments will continue with their current representative members until further notice.

3. Curriculum Subcommittee: No items were available or discussed during this GPC meeting.

4. Chair report (Paul Peluso):

   a. Calendar: Dr. Peluso reviewed the GPC meeting dates, deadline for curriculum submissions and the university meetings calendar.

   b. UGC report:

      - Paul Peluso reported on the topic of dissertation and thesis guidelines. He explained about increasing the flexibility in the format of thesis and dissertation and possibility of considering published articles instead of a traditional thesis or dissertation.
      - Paul Peluso also reported a discussion on the metrics, report rankings and key performance indicators (KPIs) and how to address national reputation and ranking of FAU and the policies that the university will plan to adopt.
      - The UGC also discussed graduate program diversity and inclusion and reconsideration of GRE and GMAT issues by making them as permanent

requirement for some department if they desire to keep them as a requirement for admission.

- Compensation of the faculty for dissertation credits was also introduced and a lively discussion was pursued by the GPC members.

5. Miscellaneous/other business:

GPC members discussed the quality of dissertations in the college and the multiple layers of the review process of each dissertation. A lively discussion also was pursued about the mask mandate and members were invited to express their thoughts. In general, the GPC members are in favor of a safe and healthy working environment.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.