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

Meeting Minutes

February 2024

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Videoconferencing at 1:02 pm on February 7, 2024.

In Attendance: Maysaa Barakat (EDL), Meredith Mountford (EDL), Lisa Finnegan (DSE), Caitlin Imgrund (CSD), Lilyanna Zmijak (CSD), Adriana Labarta (CE), Paul Peluso (CE, Chair of GPC), Deborah Shepherd (Dean's Representative), and **Roll Call and Convening Announcements. Minutes Approval.** Minutes from January 2024 meeting were approved without revisions.

- **Recorder for Minutes.** Recorder role for the COE GPC rotates among the committee members. Adriana Labarta volunteered to take this meeting's minutes.
- **Curriculum Committee Report and Recommendations** (presented by Paul Peluso). Curriculum Sub-committee reviewed 1 item. Reviewed catalog changes for PhD Higher Education – approved unanimously by curriculum committee. Curriculum passes.
- **Student Petitions Committee Report and Recommendations** (presented by Caitlin Imgrund). Shared issues with Student Petitions subcommittee meeting prior to GPC meeting; subcommittee was unable to discuss and vote on the petitions. Six petitions were reviewed. One request for leave of absence; one request to waive admissions process fee; one request to waive continuous enrollment; one request to waive graduate residence policy; one request for late withdrawal from a course; and one request to receive a tuition waiver for spring 2024 without meeting the minimum 3.0 GPA requirement. Meredith moved to approve first 4 petitions and Lisa seconded – motion passed. Maysaa moved to approve 5th petition and Lisa seconded – motion passed. Maysaa moved to approve 6th petition and Meredith seconded – motion passed.
- **University Graduate Council (UGC)/University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) Updates** (presented by Paul Peluso).
    - This month (February) is last month to get curriculum changes through Senate. March Senate meeting will be the last to address curriculum.
- **Other Business.**
    - Faculty Senate met last Monday. Presidential search still on hold. BOG discussed changes to presidential search process. Presidential search may not begin until April. Discussion on ratifying the contract extension for Stacey Volnick.
    - Irregularities noted in BOT level. Vote of no confidence (not binding) passed – Brad Levine. BOT meeting scheduled for 2/8 at 10am.
    - College of Education is rolling out the Center of Research Excellence to support the research endeavors of faculty and students. Michael DeDonno may join March GPC meeting to discuss the vision of the Center and consultation opportunities.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.