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

Meeting Minutes

January 2024

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Video-conferencing at 1:04 pm on January 10, 2024.

In Attendance: Sharon Darling (DSE), Lisa Finnegan (DSE), Caitlin Imgrund (CSD), Lilyanna Zmijak (CSD), Adrianna Labarta (CE), Paul Peluso (CE, Chair of GPC), Sabrina Sembiante (C&I), Deborah Shepherd (Dean's Representative), and **Roll Call and Convening Announcements. Minutes Approval.** Minutes from August 2023 meeting were approved without revisions.

- **Recorder for Minutes.** Recorder role for the COE GPC rotates among the committee members. Lisa F. volunteered to take this meeting's minutes.
- **Curriculum Committee Report and Recommendations** (presented by Paul P.). Curriculum Sub-committee reviewed 1 item. The ELRM department requested changes to the catalog wording to align with Graduate College practices. Motion (& Second) to accept the subcommittee's recommendations for approval was made on the curriculum item by Paul P, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair; passed.
- **Student Petitions Committee Report and Recommendations** (presented by Sharon D.). Petitions Sub-committee reviewed five petitions **ELRM** Two to waive recency of credit; three requests for late withdrawal. Three petitions were approved; two were deferred, pending approval based on the student providing additional supporting documentation. all petitions with the one pending final approval after the receipt of additional documentation to be submitted to Dr. Shepherd, made by Sharon D., Petitions Subcommittee Chair; passed.
- **University Graduate Council (UGC)/University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) Updates** (presented by Paul P.).
    - Miguel S has left FAU to become a firefighter. All curriculum will go to Sarah Roberts. Sarah's email is Sedris2017@fau.edu.
    - Please let all departments know next month (February) is last month to get curriculum changes through Senate. March Senate meeting will be the last to address curriculum.
- **Other Business.**
    - University President search update – Inspector General report came out in early December 2023. Report stated that there were irregularities with the search committee process and made recommendation to the BOG. No evidence was reported or found on the allegation of undue outside influence however it was determined that the process was tainted enough to scrap current search and begin with a new search. A change of the rules are in the process of being made and the search post-poned until those are done. It was determined that the BOT Chair should not Chair the search committee. BOG meets again in January. Changes will be publicly shared at the next meeting. Interim President Volnick will likely remain in her position through Fall 2024
    - Faculty Senate meets at the end of the month and BOT meets in early February
    - College of Education is rolling out the Center of Research Excellence to support research endeavors of faculty and students. Other college departments and the community can connect to the college for support of their research. Michael DeDonno will speak at Faculty Assembly

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:21 pm.