Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)
Minutes of January 27, 2010 Meeting

Florida Atlantic University
College of Education
Office for Academic and Student Services, Room 232
2:00-3:00pm


Guests: Barbara Ridener, Jim McLaughlin, and Yash Bhagwanji

I. Call to order and roll call conducted by Valerie Bryan. At 2.25pm

II. Old Business

A. Approval of November 30, 2009, January 8, 2010, and January 13, 2010 minutes.

Action: Motion to approve the November 30, 2010 minutes by Carlos Diaz. Seconded by Mary Lou Duffy. All members present voted to approve the minutes.

Action: Motion to approve the January 8, 2010 minutes by Carlos Diaz. Seconded by Hani Zainuddin. All members present voted to approve the minutes.

Action: Motion to approve the January 13, 2010 minutes by Carlos Diaz. Seconded by Dena Wener. All members present voted to approve the minutes.

B. Petitions Sub-committee Report- Reported by Carlos Diaz

Action: Motion to approve the student petitions as per the sub-committee recommendation for January 27, 2010 by Dena Wener. Seconded by Valerie Bryan. All members present voted to approve student petitions as per the sub-committee recommendations.

Action: 15 petitions were considered. 9 petitions approved as follows: CSD- 1, CCEI- 2, EL- 5, ESE- 1. 2 petitions were deferred back to the department. 4 petitions were disapproved.

C. Curriculum Sub-committee Report- Reported by Linda Webb

Action: 8 curriculum changes were considered. Curriculum changes approved as noted:
MAE 6155 Mathematics: Middle and High School- new course- approved
EME 6623 Foundations of Learning through Technology- new course- approved
ARE 6317 Art in the Elementary School- course pre-requisite change- approved
Action: Motion to approve MAE 6155, EME 6623 and ARE 6317 by Deborah Floyd. Seconded by Valerie Bryan. All members present voted to approve the three courses.

EEC 6947 Field Project/Portfolio in Early Childhood- approved

EEC 6932 Seminar in Early Childhood Education: Local, National, and International Issues- approved

EEC 6711 Creative Arts for Young Children- issues and conflicts resolved through discussion with Dr. Susannah Brown, Dr. Yash Bhagwanji, and Dr. Jim McLaughlin- approved.

EEC 6666 Principles and Models of Early Childhood Curriculum- approved.

Motion: To approve EEC 6947, EEC 6932, EEC 6711, and EEC 6666 by Linda Webb. Seconded by Valerie Bryan. All members present voted to approve the four courses.

EEC 6219 Math, Science, and Social Studies in Early Childhood- syllabus is being amended to reflect integration of content areas. Dr. Yash Bhagwanji will send corrected syllabus to Dr. Ridener as per discussion. Then Dr. Ridener will email Linda Webb and Deborah Floyd. The corrected syllabus will move forward to the University Graduate Curriculum Committee.

Action: Motion to approve course pending that she receives the corrected syllabus by Linda Webb. Seconded by Carlos Diaz. All members present voted to approve.

Action: Through email motion to approve the Early Childhood Master’s Degree (Dept. CCEI) by Linda Webb. Seconded by Deborah Floyd. All members voted through email message to Linda Webb to approve the Early Childhood Master’s Degree.

D. Graduate Faculty Applications- Committee of the Whole

File reviewed by GPC members.

Action: Motion to approve graduate faculty status for Michael Frain for level A by Carlos Diaz. Seconded by Dena Wener. All present voted to approve.

III. Graduate College Graduate Faculty Status Application

Valerie Bristor commented on editorial changes. Members were asked to review the changes and confirm that the editorial changes will not affect the Faculty Assembly vote.

Action: Motion to discuss the document of COE Graduate Faculty Status Policy by Carlos Diaz. Seconded by Mary Lou Duffy. All members present voted to approve.

Charles Dukes asked for the rationale why the list of examples only included the Journal of Teacher Education. Mary Lou Duffy explained that it was a random example. All scholarly journals in the appropriate fields for each applicant will be considered.

Action: Motion to approve the document of COE Graduate Faculty Status Policy with revisions by Carlos Diaz. Seconded by Mary Lou Duffy. All members present voted to approve.

IV. University Graduate Programs Meeting
Deborah Floyd updated the members about the process and review of the Medical School proposal.

V. Dissertation Guidelines Update

Valerie Bryan updated the members about the Dissertation Guidelines. The Dissertation and Thesis Guidelines were emailed to the representatives for College of Education and will be reviewed. Any changes need to be made by noon Thursday, January 28, 2010 and sent to the Graduate College.

VI. Meeting Adjourned by Deborah Floyd at 3:00pm.

VII. Next GPC meeting will be held at 1-3pm on February 11, 2010 in the Office of Student Academic Service, Room 232. Petitions sub-committee meeting will be held in the Office of Student Academic Service, Room 232 at 12:30pm. Curriculum sub-committee meeting to be announced. This is the last meeting to review any curriculum issues.