Council on Graduate Studies

Minutes
February 16, 2021
The February 16, 2021 meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies was held virtually at 2:00 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: Dr. Lee Patterson, Dr. Nikki Hillier, Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend, Dr. Jim Bruehler, Dr. Kevin Anderson, Ms. Shannon Watkins and Dr. Beth Gill

Members Absent: Dr. Peter Liu

Staff Present: Ms. Lori Henderson, Dean Hendrickson

Guests:

I. Approval of the January 19, 2021 CGS Meeting Minutes.
Dr. Hillier motioned to approve, Ms. Watkins seconded, council approved minutes by acclamation.

II. Communications:

College Curriculum Committee Minutes:
01. February 4, 2021, College of Health and Human Services Curriculum Committee Minutes
02. February 8, 2021, Lumpkin College of Business and Technology Curriculum Committee Minutes
03. January 19, 2021, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reported that there were no graduate grade appeals in the college for fall 2020.
04. January 13, 2021, College of Education reported that there were no grade appeals in the college for fall 2020.

III. Approved Executive Actions:
01. EA-CLAS-21-01, Memo from Dean Cornebise requesting all Geology/Geography graduate courses to be offered online.
02. EA-CHHS-21-02, Memo from Dean Ersin requesting course title change to NTR 5159
03. EA-COE-21-03, Memo from Dean Henderson requesting official deletion of Master Teacher graduate program/degree
04. EA-COE-21-04, Memo from Dean Henderson requesting prefix and prerequisite changes to ELE courses.
05. EA-LCBT-21-05, Memo from Dean Cheney requesting online delivery mode for MBA 5520

Council approved items by acclamation with the exception of EA-COE-21-03, which they requested to be moved to a voting agenda item. The COE has been notified of the request.

IV. Items Added to the Agenda:
01. 21-04, GEO 4810, Cartography and Visualization, New Course Proposal
02. 21-05, GEO 5000, GIScience Seminar, New Course Proposal
03. 21-06, NTR 5151, Nutrition in Public Health, New Course Proposal
04. 21-07, NTR 5155, Nutrition Education, Behavior, and Communication, Revised Course Proposal
05. 21-08, NTR 5156, Leadership in Nutrition and Dietetics, Revised Course Proposal
06. 21-09, NTR 5600, Research Methods in Nutrition and Dietetics, Revised Course Proposal
07. 21-10, NTR 5610, Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics, New Course Proposal
08. 21-11, Nutrition and Dietetics Internship Option, Program Revision
09. 21-12, Nutrition and Dietetics Education Option, Program Revision
10. 21-13, PUBH 4840, CIM for Health Service Professionals, New Course Proposal
11. 21-14, PHY 4780, Plasma Physics, New Course Proposal
V. Items Acted Upon:
   1. 21-01, Waive associate faculty status limitations for Jenny Sipes
      Dr. Bruehler motioned to approve, Ms. Watkins seconded, council approved unanimously
   2. 21-02, Waive associate faculty status limitations for Cindy Boyer
      Dr. Anderson motioned to approve, Dr. Edmonds-Behrend seconded, council approved unanimously
   3. 21-03, Waive associate faculty status limitations for Jeremy Alexander
      Dr. Gill motioned to approve, Dr. Hillier seconded, council approved unanimously

VI. Items Pending:

VII. Other Items:
Chair Patterson reported that he has spoken with CAA chair Claudia Danyi regarding the Grade Appeals Committees. Currently each academic college convenes their own Grade Appeals Committee composed of 6 faculty members, who hear both undergrad and graduate appeals. CAA is discussing combining all four colleges into one committee composed of two faculty from each college, one undergraduate student, and one graduate student. They are considering the role of the college deans and the CAA and CGS in this discussion. Dr. Bruehler noted that students may feel more intimidation from a larger panel and a panel of members removed from their home college and/or discipline. CAA plans to develop a proposal.

VIII. Committee Reports:
   ▪ Library Advisory Board – No report
   ▪ Graduate Student Advisory Council – Lori Henderson- GSAC had first full meeting of the year with 32 attendees, which is a very strong turnout. The exec board is discussing virtual and in-person plans to exhibit grad student research in April. All but a few Headspace accounts have been taken and students are using the app.
   ▪ Enrollment Worx- Dean Hendrickson- will meet tomorrow and discuss GEER funded initiatives
   ▪ Honorary Degree – Kevin Anderson- Candidate has been chosen, a virtual commencement is assumed
   ▪ Textbook Rental Advisory- Jim Bruehler- no report

IX. Dean’s Report: DFI- two applications to advance, and one to renew. Assistantships- all coordinators notified of their allotment of GAs, increase in some stipends so that all are now a minimum of $1,000, hours changed to no more than 18 hours per week. Enrollment- Slightly down this spring from last spring, last spring was highest in almost ten years, so considering the pandemic the slight dip is not overly concerning.

Dr. Hiller motioned to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

– CGS Minutes recorded by Lori Henderson

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