Graduate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020
MEETING LOCATION: 3007 Converse

Present: Christopher Downing (proxy for Jerry Merwin) , Dorea Cook, Becky da Cruz, Herb Fiester (proxy for Steve Downey), Linda Most, Michelle Ritter, David Nelson, Crystal Randolph (proxy for Matt Carter), Kelly Heckaman, Matt Grant, Elvan Aktas, Nancy Swanson, Maren Clegg-Hyer, Dixie Haggard

Guests: Ernest Smith, Rebecca Petrella, Crystal Marshall, Sage Harris, Beibei Zhong

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Becky da Cruz at 2:05 pm.

Minutes from January 23rd were approved with 1 abstention.

College of the Arts
Request for New Course – ART 5210: Design Thinking: Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T. in English to Speakers of Other Languages (admission requirements): Changing admission requirement due to Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T. in Foreign Language Education (French or Spanish) (admission requirements): Changing admission requirement due to Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T. English to Speaker of Other Languages and M.A.T. Foreign Language Education: Spell out abbreviations for clarification. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

College of Nursing and Health Services
Revised Catalog Copy – MSN/Post Master's Certificate (admission requirements): Removing GRE requirement, taking out summer deadline, updating course list. Taking out NURS 7450 and updating to NURS 7590. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Revised Catalog Copy – MSN (program information): Motion to approve passed unanimously.

College of Education and Human Services

Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T. in Agriculture Education (new program adding to Grad School website, etc.): Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T. in Middle Grades OR M.A.T. in Secondary Education (admission requirements): Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T. in Special Education/Deaf and Hard of Hearing (admission requirements): Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T. in Special Education/Deaf and Hard of Hearing (admission requirements, cont.): Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T./M.Ed. Special Education/Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Curriculum Change – M.Ed. with a Major in Middle Grades Math and Science: Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T. in Special Education/Deaf and Hard of Hearing (5th year): Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Revised Catalog Copy – M.Ed. Special Education/Deaf and Hard of Hearing (admissions): Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Revised Catalog Copy – M.Ed. Special Education/Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Track 2): Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Curriculum Change/Revised Catalog Copy – Ed.D. Degree with a Major in Adult and Career Education: Realignment of courses, modification of area titles, and an increase of 1-credit hour to the total hours required for the degree. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Curriculum Change – M.Ed. with a Major in Adult and Career Education/Career and Technical Education: Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Revised Catalog Copy – M.A.T. in Health and Physical Education: Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Curriculum Change – M.Ed. Degree with a Major in Health and Physical Education: Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Curriculum Change – Ed.S. Degree with a Major in Coaching Pedagogy in Physical Education: Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Curriculum Change/Revised Catalog Copy – Ed.D. with a Major in Curriculum and Instruction with a Concentration in Learning and Development: Added qualitative research course 9820 and removed C&I 9810 and 9280. Changes made to align with other doctoral programs. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Curriculum Change/Revised Catalog Copy – Ed.D. in Leadership: Removing elective and adding CIED 9400. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Curriculum Change – Ed.S. Degree with a Major in School Counseling: Tabled until March GEC (no representative).

Revised Catalog Copy – Master of Library and Information Science: Changing language in student outcome assessment to align course with catalog. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Sub Committee Report

1. Graduate Student Success – Dr. Downing updated that a meeting is being scheduled. Dr. da Cruz informed that the survey link is live. Feedback is welcome. Survey is planned to be sent out for completion from March 1st through March 16th. Please encourage students to participate. Dr. Cook informed that the MMEd has been deactivated and should be taken off survey.
2. Dissertation Task Force – Dr. da Cruz gave update on APA 7th Edition. Hoonuit is a great resource for Faculty and Students. Currently only training for APA 6th edition is available but they are developing modules for APA 7th. Programs are encouraged to start using APA 7th as the default. For those students who are currently in the pipeline we will still accept APA 6th or other tweaks as long as the department lets us know. Lots of changes to citations, etc. with APA 7th that are a little tricky. Grade Replacement– We will invite Karen from the registrar's office to come to our next DTF meeting to discuss grade replacement/changes and GPA calculations, etc. Will also be revisiting deficiency points, etc. to see if any updates need to be made.
3. Graduate Appeals – N/A
4. Graduate Faculty Scholarship – N/A
5. Graduate Faculty Membership – Spring Deadline Extended (end of March), Faculty Membership Changes – Dr. Nelson gave update. We are adding signature blocks to the actual Full Status Application. This will eliminate the need for Department Heads and Deans to write separate memos. They will be able to sign off directly on the application. Temporary status for those on tenure track, etc. will be up to 5 year appointments. Dr. Haggard pointed out that we need to look closer at how we are evaluating temporary appointments to ensure no abuse is occurring. The sub-committee will continue to

discuss streamlining of the Full Status application as APL's functionality is proven. Sub-committee will also look at other issues such as the Temporary Status abuse, etc.

Other Business/Topics from the Floor

1. Journal Ready Update (final draft) – Tabled until further discussion with Dissertation Task Force.
2. Two degrees (SACS policy update – Dual Degree Intent VSU policy link http://catalog.valdosta.edu/graduate/academic-standards-regulations/#Second) – Other programs are doing similar things to this such as MLIS and the Media Specialist Certification, MAcc and MBA, MPA and I/O Psychology. Will pull over for next GEC potentially. We may also discuss in a sub-committee to see if we need to formalize this process more.
3. Graduate Research Symposium – Ernest updated. We have started receiving nominations. Please send those in as soon as possible and don't forget the 3-minute thesis competition. AGS is trying to organize a meet and greet to occur directly after the symposium ends in the same location.
4. Graduate Admissions Updates – Rebecca updated. Still waiting on last piece for Axiom and Radius to be able to work properly. Ticket to IT regarding correcting links, etc. All programs have responded and signed off on the system so we are just waiting on the last pieces from Axiom at this time.
5. Graduate Assistants Updates – Sage updated. Summer competitive hires are coming up soon. The application will go live early March. We are wanting to grant as many as possible within our budgetary boundaries while still maintaining equity across campus. There will be a committee made up of individuals from each division to review all applications for GA's that are being funded by the Graduate School. We will approve applications of as many as possible until our funding runs out.
6. Association of Graduate Students Updates – N/A
7. Commencement Feedback – Dr. da Cruz updated. We currently have two viable options that will meet the expectations set forth by the President to have whole sale change. After meeting with Sage and the Event Services team we brainstormed and realized many of the options on the table were not possible due to limited space or not enough staging, not enough support, etc. The hooding of doctoral students is not changing at this time. That leaves us with cutting time and changing the Masters and Specialist graduate candidates. The two options we are left with are 1.) Hood Masters and Specialist on the stage. This would require dual hooders who will hood all candidates. This will most likely be Dr. da Cruz and another designated hooder. We will need to have an "assembly" line that runs smoothly in order to expedite the process. There will be 3 students on the stage at any given moment. One sitting on the bench being hooded, another at the President (shaking hands/photo op) and another shaking the hands of the Provost and Dean and exiting stage. No faculty hooders will be announced or able to hood as this duty will default to the two designated hooders. Option 2.) Take out hooding of the Masters and Specialist students completely.
8. Other

Motion was made to adjourn at 3:30 pm.

Ernest Smith

Ernest Smith, Recorder

Becky K. da Cruz

Becky K. da Cruz, Associate Provost for Graduate Graduate Studies and Research