

## GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2017

MEETING LOCATION: 3007 CONVERSE

Present: Elvan Aktas, Neena Banerjee (for Gerald Merwin), Jeremy Bauer, Luis Bejarano, Serey Bright, David Bruno (for Phillip Dybicz), Matt Carter, JT Cox, Iris Ellis, Herb Fiester, Dixie Haggard, Kelly Heckaman (for Shirley Andrews), Linda Jurczak, James LaPlant, Linda Most, Anne Price. Guests: Kelly Davidson, Don Leech, Ofelia Nikolova, Rebecca Petrella, Teresa Williams

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James LaPlant at 2:03 pm.

Minutes from September 28, 2017 were approved with changes.

### **College of Business Administration**

Curriculum Change – MACC; Revised Catalog Copy – MACC; New Course – MACC 7600: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Elvan Aktas said that the program is adding MACC 7600 as an elective, giving students an applied research course with a focus on real world data analysis. The proposals were approved with changes.

### **College of Education & Human Resources**

Revised Catalog Copy – MAT in FLED (French or Spanish): Motion was made to approve; seconded. Ofelia Nikolova said the admissions criteria are being updated giving applicants alternative exemptions. The changes will benefit non-traditional students with undergraduate work older than 10-20 years. Admissions warned that programs with several exemptions could expect delays in the processing of applications especially at deadlines. The catalog copy change for the MAT in ESOL is forthcoming. The proposal was approved.

Revised Catalog Copy – EDS in School Counseling: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Serey Bright said the program is removing the test scores requirements from their admission criteria. The proposal was approved.

Curriculum Change – Certification Only-Library Media; MED in IT (Library Media); Revised Catalog Copy – Certification Only P12 School Library Media; MED IT P12 School Library Media: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Herb Fiester said that the proposals clarify the name change for the catalog and the web pages: The proposals were approved.

Revised Catalog Copy – Certification in Ed Leadership Tier I/Tier II; MED Ed Leadership Tier I; EDS Ed Leadership Tier II: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Herb Fiester said that the changes would explicate exceptions in admissions criteria; place language in the catalog and on web pages for transparency (p. 98 of the packet – striking old language; updating wording). The proposals were approved.

Revised Catalog Copy (3 items) – EDS IT: Motion was made to approve; seconded. The changes would explicate exceptions in admissions criteria; place language in the catalog and on web pages for transparency. The proposals were approved.

Revised Catalog Copy – MAT Middle Grades/Secondary Ed: Motion was made to approve; seconded. The changes would explicate exceptions in admissions criteria; place language in the catalog and on web pages for transparency. The proposal was approved.

Revised Catalog Copy – MAT Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ed: Motion was made to approve; seconded. The changes would explicate exceptions in admissions criteria; place language in the catalog and on web pages for transparency. The proposal was approved.

Curriculum Change – MLIS; Revised Catalog Copy – MLIS; Deactivation of Courses – MLIS 7130 & 7150; New Course 7140; Revised Course – MLIS 7430: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Linda Most said that several students said that it was too long of a wait to get both courses (7130 & 7150) so the two were combined into one advanced course (7140). The new course will be offered every year and will cover both social sciences and humanities resources. MLIS 7430 is a name change to better reflect the course content. The proposals were approved.

Revised Catalog Copy – MED Health & PE; EDS Coaching Pedagogy (2): Motion was made to approve; seconded. The changes would explicate exceptions in admissions criteria; place language in the catalog and on web pages for transparency.

Fall 2017 Nominations for Graduate Faculty Status: Seven faculty were approved for “full” graduate status (first-time appointments) and 14 faculty were approved for renewal of their “full” status. One faculty was appointed temporary status because he was not in a tenure-track position. The Committee recommended an examination of the guidelines on this point since a growing number of faculty are hired into non-tenure track positions but have excellent credentials for consideration of “full” status. The nominations were approved with one abstention.

## **Topics from the Floor**

1. Update on Hobsons: Radius Applications and Review Module is used by Kennesaw State University’s graduate school and they love it! It has not been as well received by KSU’s undergraduate admissions. Good news – VSU did not have to go through the bidding process and the Provost hopes to earmark end-of-year funds for the \$50,000 for first year (start-up) and then \$36,000 each year thereafter. This plan will impact all of our colleges in positive ways. How will departments review applications? Ultimately online, but at first paper versions will still be reviewed. The plan is to have a few programs serve as pilot programs for testing first. The application fee is currently \$35 but the Graduate School never sees the collected funds. Is there a way to earmark the money for our use? Or create a “legacy” application fee for former VSU students and an outside VSU application fee.

2. Possible Academic Restructuring: How will suggested changes impact the Graduate School? The Provost is considering splitting the College of Arts and Sciences into two colleges: a college of sciences, and a college of humanities and social sciences. The proposed split will not result in the Graduate School being disbanded (admissions moved to undergraduate admissions) when the current dean of the graduate school and assistant VP for research is moved to the deanship of the new humanities college. An associate provost for graduate students and research will be hired and serve as the dean. The Provost will meet with Arts & Sciences faculty on November 10 to discuss the possibilities.

Motion was made to adjourn at 3:15 pm; seconded.

Teresa Williams  
Teresa Williams, Recorder

James LaPlant  
James LaPlant, AVP for Research and Dean of the  
Graduate School