Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2021 - ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annette Barnes, DNP/Nursing
Jennifer Bergner, MSME
Melissa Bugdal, Fulton Rep
Celine Carayon, HIST
Kacie Cassar, GSC President
Doug DeWitt, Ed Leadership and Chair
Yvonne Downie-Hanley, M.B.A.
Maida Finch, Ed.D./REED
James Fox, EDLD
Elizabeth Geiger, OGS
Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies
Carolyne King, At-Large Seat
Laura Marinaro, MSAT
Scott Mazzetti, AHPH
John Nieves – ENG, Faculty Senate Liaison
Jessica Scott, OGS
Keetha Soosaipillai, CADR
Star Weaver, MAT
Thea Williamson, Seidel Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Christina Bradley, Henson Rep Stuart Hamilton, GIS
Martin Hunter, Registrar
Mary Hylton, MSW
Dana Price, BIO
Vicki Root, CHHS Rep

I. Call to Order – 3:32 p.m.

II. Minutes

- Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Curriculum

- Applied Biology (Thesis and Non-Thesis Options) – Change to Program Proposal
  - Make the GRE optional for all applicants.
  - GCC recommended approval. J. Nieves seconded.
  - Vote: Unanimous

- M.Ed. Post-Secondary Education Track – Change to Course Proposal
  - Changes track name from Post-Secondary Education track to Higher Education Leadership track.
  - EDUC 695 – will now be a requirement.
  - GCC recommended approval. M. Finch seconded.
  - Vote: Unanimous

- MATH 522 – New Course Proposal
  - Has been offered as a special topic course and is requested by students each year.
  - There are no staffing or budget implications.
  - GCC recommended approval. M. Finch seconded.
  - Vote: Unanimous

IV. Enrollment Numbers and Projections

- Information will need to be altered with the cancellation of the Athletic Training program.
- Goals and Projections are the same and assume growth. This is for planning purposes and Grad Program Director input.
- Summer applications are a little down. Fall applications are a little up for this time last year.
- Grad Program Directors and OGS are doing a great overall job in marketing our programs and working with current and previous students.

V. Interdisciplinary Graduate Courses:

- Courses are available online. Please consider marketing these to students if they have room in their program.

VI. New Graduate Programs:

- We need to start thinking about new graduate programs and certificates. Post-Covid academics will look different and clientele will have certain expectations.
    - Y. Downie-Hanley: Nursing & MBA have discussed a new track in Health Care Management.
    - C. Carayon: History is looking into an Archival track but it wouldn't easily transfer online so it is on hold.
- It is not all or nothing. Start with a few courses and see if there is interest.
- Rich Wilkens is going back to faculty. So anything requires higher level approval will be reviewed by the Provost.

VII. Graduate School Update

- As an update, the Graduate School was not budgeted for in the new Strategic Plan Budget.
- J. Nieves is on the Budget Committee. They believe fall enrollment will be better than projected. He will try to ask for an update and report back.

VIII. Dissertations in Nabb Center – Maida Finch

- Students cannot easily access dissertations in the Nabb Center and cannot check them out.
- There are department copies but due to space issues, there is not a real way of keeping them secure.
- Non-SU students cannot access ProQuest.
- Clifton has suggested students be required to submit two copies to the library. One will be housed in Nabb and one will go in the stacks. OGS will cover binding costs for both copies.

IX. GSC Remarks – K. Cassar

- Working with the Honors College to have a "Meet the Grads" panel.
- Grad Bash will be held in place of the Grad Gala due to Covid restrictions. Will be held outside.
- Kacie completed a video for the Graduate Commencement (virtual) Ceremony. Would Grad Program Directors do a short video for grad students from each program?

- C. Griffin thanked Kacie for being the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Award. She will be heading to the U.K. to begin her 2nd masters program.

X. Dean's Remarks

- Reminder that Summer Research funds are open to graduate students. Teri Herberger will be sending out reminders.

XI. Other Remarks

- J. Scott – We are losing our entire GSC Executive Board. Please encourage students to run for a position. There is a stipend and a call for nominees has gone out.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.
Submitted by Jessica Scott