Graduate Programs Committee

**Minutes of September 12, 2019**

LRC 224

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Present: M. Romero, F. McCormick, K. Smith, M. Strahan, K. Teeter, M. Jennings, M. Moore, M. Klett

Absent: L. Eckert, L. Larkin

Guest: None

1. Approval of Agenda – Strahan/Klett - **Approved**
2. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2019 – – **Approved**
3. Dean of Graduate Education and Research – L. Eckert was not present at the meeting. In an email report submitted to GPC, Lisa indicated there has been a 17.8% increase in graduate numbers with 600 students currently enrolled.
4. Chair’s Report – F. McCormick welcomed all new and returning GPC members and provided updates and information about the workings of GPC:
   1. Subcommittee assignments were chosen (see agenda items 6. a, b, and c).
   2. The workload will be quite extensive this year, with several new program proposals; a masters in computer science, nursing MSN /changes to DNP, two potential PhD programs, rural leadership and health and human performance, a 4 +1 business program, and a host of changes in other departments.
   3. All members will serve on the Course and Programs subcommittee with groups of two reviewing each large proposal. One experienced person, the lead reviewer, will serve on each of those committees. Lead reviewers will work with the departments to obtain corrections and the final draft of the proposal will be reviewed by the full GPC.
   4. A GPC document entitled, *Reviewing Proposals for GPC in Subcommittees* was shared with committee members.
   5. Service letters will be sent out to faculty by next week.
   6. The GPC meeting schedule for 2019-2020 with curriculum deadlines was reviewed.
5. Graduate Student Association Report – No report. No student was present at the meeting.
6. GPC Sub-Committee Business
   1. Course and Programs (Members 2019-2020: entire GPC membership)
7. English MFA - Minor program revisions – Strahan/Klett – **Approved** – GPC reviewed a request from the English department to eliminate two *Form and Technique* courses (EN 640 and EN 641) from the requirements and instead require a second literature course already offered by the department. The *Form and Technique* courses are outdated and are based primarily on genre distinctions and histories, whereas, the current MFA curriculum, focuses more on hybrid forms and mixed genres. A second literature course will benefit students more than the outdated courses.
8. Nursing – DNP revisions with added new program, MSN – Strahan/Klett – **Approved** – GPC reviewed a new program request with revisions to the existing DNP program from the School of Nursing. To remain competitive with peer organizations who offer master’s degrees in nursing and to remain sustainable with enrollments, the School of Nursing is proposing a new Master of Science in Nursing with changes to the existing post-baccalaureate and post-master’s tracks of the DNP program. The following changes were approved:

* New Master of Science in Nursing degree program with family nurse practitioner specialization.
* Addition of five new MSN courses (NU 510, NU 512, NU 513, NU 520, NU 546).
* Reinstatement of six MSN courses with prefix change from NE to NU (NU 540, NU 542, NU 543, NU 544, NU 545, NU 547)
* Addition of one new DNP course (NU 812).
* Deletion of 10 DNP courses from the existing program (NU 801, NU 803, NU 805, NU 820, NU 742, NU 743, NU 744, NU 745, NU 747, NU 750).
* Deletion of CLS 536 from the DNP program.
* Deletion of prerequisite course, AIS 535 from the DNP program.
* Increase in post-baccalaureate DNP program length from four to four and a half years.
* Updated DNP program objectives
* Post-baccalaureate DNP program credits will increase from 72 to 78.
* Post-master’s DNP program credits will decrease from 45 to 33.
* Decrease in post-master’s DNP program length from two and a half to one and a half years.
  1. Faculty (Members 2019 - 2020: M. Klett, M. Strahan, M. Romero, M. Moore)
     1. Graduate Faculty Applications – Strahan/Smith– **Approved** – GPC approved 12 applications for graduate faculty status.

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| Anaya | Christina | Biology | 2 | 1 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2020 |
| Belant | Jerrold | Biology | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2022 |
| Beyer | Dean | Biology | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2022 |
| Biesbrouck | Jeremy | Psych. Sci. | 1 | 1 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2020 |
| Bohjanen | Sharon | SELPS | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2018 | 8/1/2021 |
| Hillhouse | Todd | Psych. Sci. | 1 | 1 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2020 |
| Jeevar | Vincent | Psych. Sci. | 2 | 1 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2020 |
| Logan | Gabe | History | 3 |  | 8/1/2019 |  |
| Ludwig | Matthew | SELPS | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2022 |
| Nyen | Tammy | SELPS | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2022 |
| Prister | Lauren | Biology | 2 | 1 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2020 |
| Smith | Kimberly | SELPS | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2019 | 8/1/2022 |

1. Policy (Members 2019 – 2020: F. McCormick, K. Smith, M. Jennings, L. Larkin)

Adjourned 4:15 pm – Strahan/Smith

Respectfully submitted by

Melissa Romero, GPC Secretary