

Graduate Programs Committee
Minutes of October 8, 2020
ZOOM Meeting
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Present: M. Romero, F. McCormick, M. Jennings, M. Klett, L. Eckert, K. Teeter, D. Rowe, M. Moore, L. Larkin

Absent: K. Smith

Guests: None

1. Approval of Agenda – Klett/Moore- **Approved**
2. Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2020 – Jennings/Klett– **Approved**
3. Dean’s Report (Lisa Eckert, Dean of Graduate Education and Research) – L. Eckert reported the following: (1) A business sustainability course, BUS 595 has been tentatively approved and will be offered online during the winter break. This is the first course that has ever been offered over the winter break. Board of Trustee approval may be required. (2) Brittany Paulk from Arizona State University was hired to serve as the SISU Innovation Institute Director. Part of her work will include developing interdisciplinary courses and implementing program investment fund (PIF) proposals. GPC may be involved in the future with upcoming PIF proposals. (3) The graduate teaching assistant (GTA) task force met three times this semester. The charge of the task force is to consider ways in which GTA’s are compensated. Meetings are ongoing and a report is due to President Fritz Erickson by November. (4) L. Eckert and Angela Rasmussen have been working to streamline the application process for 3+2 and 4+1 programs. They are also working on ways to move students in these programs seamlessly from undergraduate to graduate status.
4. Chair’s Report (Frankie McCormick) – (1) Frankie provided an overview of the presentation on PhD program that she provided to the Academic Senate on October 6. Matt Jennings, and Lisa Eckert also participated and Dan Cullen provided information about HLC requirements. Items discussed at the meeting included a description of processes used by GPC to evaluate new PhD programs, Carnegie classification, infrastructure, and staffing needs. (2) Frankie provided an update on the status of program proposals that are currently under review by subcommittees:
 - a. Rural Leadership (ROAR) PhD program proposal: subcommittee met twice to review proposal revisions. The subcommittee will meet one more time before review by the full GPC.

- b. HHP (Kinesiology and Exercise Science) PhD program proposal: subcommittee met once to review proposal. Proposal was returned to the department for revisions.
- c. HHP (Sports Psychology): subcommittee met once. Proposal was returned to the department for revisions.

5. GPC Business

a. Faculty

Graduate Faculty Applications – Klett/Teeter - **Approved** – GPC approved 14 applications for graduate faculty status.

Last Name	First Name	Department	Level	Term	Begins	Expires
Almen	Ruth	Social Work	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Cheng	Caroline	Social Work	3		8/1/2020	
Ciupac	Yan	Soc. & Anthr.	3		8/1/2020	
Colquitt	Keenan	Poli. Sci.	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Cortes	Giuseppe	Biology	3		8/1/2020	
Gerig	Brandon	Biology	3		8/1/2020	
LaCelle-Peterson	Mark	SELPS	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Marlor	Robert	Eng. Tech	3		8/1/2020	
Naito	Adam	EEGS	3		8/1/2020	
Peterson	Kristin	SELPS	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Pratt	Evan	Chemistry	3		8/1/2020	
Provost	Ashley	Social Work	2	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Veden	Lynne	Social Work	1	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023
Shayter	Ashley	Psy. Sci.	2	3	8/1/2020	8/1/2023

- b. Curricular items: Subcommittees for new and revised program proposals submitted: Fall 2020
 - i. F. McCormick received two new program proposals and two program revision proposals. Another proposal from CLS - MS, Molecular Genetics, Educators (new track), has not been received yet. Subcommittees were formed to review

these proposals. The programs are listed below with subcommittee member assignments.

New Program Proposal	Subcommittee Members
PhD in Psychology	M. Klett, and K. Teeter
HHP: Master of Science in Outdoor Recreation	M. Jennings, and K. Teeter
Program Revision Proposal	Subcommittee Members
English - MA	D. Rowe and K. Smith
Business - MBA	M. Romero and L. Larkin

- ii. Psychology Course Proposals – GPC members reviewed three new psychology course proposals. The following questions and suggestions for revisions were provided. GPC will review the revised course proposals once the revisions have been made.

PSY 440 Psychological Assessment:

- Will the course be offered Fall/Winter or Summer?
- To be consistent with the current 400 level PSY course offerings for graduate credit, the prerequisite requirements for the undergraduate version should be listed in the prerequisites.
- Please change prerequisite requirement to **Prerequisite: PSY 100 or PSY 101, PSY 201, PSY 202, and PSY 240 or instructor consent.**

PSY 445 Positive Psychology:

- Will the course be offered Fall/Winter or Summer?
- To be consistent with the current 400 level PSY course offerings for graduate credit, the prerequisite requirements for the undergraduate version should be listed in the prerequisites.
- Please change prerequisite requirement to match the CUP proposal-- **Prerequisite: PSY100 or PSY101 and junior level standing or instructor consent.**
- Clarify and identify the graduate assessment/requirements, specifically the development plan mentioned in the syllabus and proposal. The syllabus states the development plan was still under construction.

PSY 564 Psychological Interventions:

- Will the course be offered Fall/Winter or Summer?
 - PSY 564 has been offered as a 495 special topics course for undergraduate and graduate students. GPC members questioned the rationale for offering this course at the 500 level when it was initially offered as 495.
 - What changes have been made to the course to raise it from 495 to the 500 level?
 - Will offering the course at the 500 level adversely impact enrollment?
 - Please clarify whether feedback on the proposal from the Social Work Department was obtained.
 - Clarify the nature of the requirements for administration of the psychological exam. Will students need to do a significant amount of interpretation and analysis of the results? Will students be writing a professional report with the testing results? Please elaborate.
- c. Current policies - Graduate College Policy – The policy subcommittee will meet to identify general policies that apply to all PhD programs. Some of these policies include graduate studies application and admission requirements, progression and retention, graduation requirements, and the make-up of dissertation committees. F. McCormick provided links to admission, academic standards, and policy pages in the existing graduate bulletin, which can be used to get the process started.

Adjourned 4:45 pm – Klett/Jennings

Respectfully submitted by
Melissa Romero, GPC Secretary