

Graduate Programs Committee

Meeting Date: Friday, November 2, 2018 at 10:00AM in NURS 200

Approved November 30th, 2018

Attendance: Colleen Vasconcellos, Abdollah Khodkar, David Nickell, Christi Fain, Jill Drake, Marie-Cécile Bertau, Rebecca Harrison, Mai Naito, Clay Drummond, Denise Overfield, Cathi Jenks, Mary Alice Varga, Alicia Freed, Henry Zot (for Janet Genz), Delene Volkert, Sally Richter, Judith Ruvalcaba

I. Approval of October Meeting Minutes **Approved**

II. Announcements

- **AY 19 GPC Chair.** It was agreed that Dr. Vasconcellos will continue as GPC Chair in AY19. Dr. Ben Geyer has expressed interest in serving as GPC Chair in AY20 and will serve as GPC Secretary this term.
- **3 Minute Thesis.** On November 8 at 7 pm the Graduate School will be hosting the second 3 Minute Thesis Competition. The winner of the competition will be invited to represent UWG at both the state Council of Graduate Schools meeting and the regional meeting in Tennessee. This year we have two students competing: Andrea Laubstein and Travis Rose- High School Special Educators' Perception on Becoming Highly Qualified from the College of Education. The students will be judged by community leaders from Carroll, Douglas, and Haralson counties. The competition will take place in the Coliseum, room 2100. All are invited to attend, and should feel free to pass the info on to others.
- **New Committee Seat Coming Soon.** The Registrar's Office will soon have a seat on GPC, once they've completed the process of moving the addition through Faculty Senate. Donna Haley will be joining us, beginning with the November 30 GPC meeting.
- **AY 18 Comprehensive Program Reviews.** This year, GPC will be responsible for a few comprehensive program reviews. More information will be distributed via the GPC listserv. If you are interested in volunteering to complete a comprehensive program review, please let the GPC Chair know.

III. Course/Program Additions, Modifications, Deletions

ACTION ITEMS:

A. College of Arts and Humanities

1. Department of History

A. HIST 6413: The Atlantic World

Originator: Colleen Vasconcellos. Presented by Colleen Vasconcellos

Request: Add

Decision: Approved

Discussion: Previously taught as HIST 5413, the Department of History now requires graduate students undertaking the Atlantic World major and minor field concentrations to take this required introductory course at the 6000 level. HIST 5413 has been removed from the catalog, and HIST 6413 will stand in its place. The course is taught in the Department of History every two years on a rotating basis between Drs. Vasconcellos, Lipp, and Van Valen.

B. College of Education

1. Department of Leadership, Research, and School Improvement

A. EDSI 9901 - Dissertation Mentoring I

Proposed Modified Course Title: Doctoral Seminar

Originator: Laura Smith. Presented by Mary Alice Varga.

Request: Modify

Decision: Approved

Discussion: After studying the progression of Doctor of School Improvement students for the past five years, they found that many students have difficulty successfully progressing through the program for various reasons outlined in the proposal. The majority of the program's students are full-time practitioners, and a lot are K12 administrators. The revision of EDSI 9901 addresses the identified problems, and will better support students as they progress through the research/dissertation elements of the program. By allowing students to repeat this course one time for credit if needed, it will provide additional support to build the necessary skills to produce a better quality dissertation/research product. This class will be offered as a 100% online course.

3. Tanner Health System School of Nursing

A. NURS 6109: Informatics, Technology, and Healthcare Outcomes

Originator: Karen Duke. Presented by Sally Richter and Delene Volkert.

Request: Modify

Decision: Approved

Discussion: Part-time students within the older plan of study will be required to take the course in Fall 2019, the identical time as the full-time students on the new plan of study. Since the course credit was changed overall from a 2-0-2 (old plan of study) to a 3-0-3 (new plan of study), a variable credit for NURS 6109 is a necessary change to meet the needs of MSN students, both full time and part time.

B. Doctorate in Nursing Education, Ed.D.

Originator: Delene Volkert. Presented by Sally Richter and Delene Volkert.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: NURS 9007 - Applied Statistical Methods in Nursing has moved from semester 3 (summer) to semester 2 (spring). NURS 9003 Principles of Qualitative Inquiry: Design and Methods was moved from semester 2 (spring) to semester 3 (summer). The rationale for the move was to better align the statistics course with the quantitative research course, also taken in semester 2 (spring). This is related to feedback received during several yearly SWOT meetings conducted with students.

C. Health Systems Leadership Post-Master's Certificate, Leader/Manager

Originator: Sally Richter. Presented by Sally Richter and Delene Volkert.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: The NURS 6115 Business of Healthcare: Financial and Economic Evidence is not a required course in the Post Master's Certificate. A Gap analysis will be reviewed to determine if this needs to be required in the Post Master's Certificate applicant. This streamlines the post- masters certificates to have the same number of hours.

D. Nurse Educator Post-Master's Certificate

Originator: Sally Richter. Presented by Sally Richter and Delene Volkert.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: Removed NURS 6107 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology requirements as an additional course requirement for Post Master's Certificate. The course was removed in the plan of study and approved by the accreditation agency for the program. This streamlines the post- masters certificates to have the same number of hours. Furthermore, the state of Georgia is saturated with nurse practitioners. This certificate is attractive to them, as it makes them more marketable. NURS 6107 is a required class at other institutions, which necessitates its removal from this certificate program.

4. College of Social Sciences

1. Department of Psychology

A. PSYC 6021: Psychology as Human Science

Originator: Mark Kunkel. Presented by Marie-Cécile Bertau.

Request: Add

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: As the second of only two required courses in the M.A. in Psychology, this course is essential in providing students with a preliminary understanding of psychology as human science. It will also complement similar courses at the other two (undergraduate and Ph.D.) levels of their departmental curriculum. This course is part of the revisions that are currently being undertaken with the Psychology, MA.

B. Psychology, M.A.

Originator: Mark Kunkel. Presented by Marie-Cécile Bertau.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Rejected/Revise and Resubmit.**

Discussion: The modified program description reflects changes in credit hours for non-thesis option, outside department hours for both options, maximum hours of Independent Studies allowed to be applied to degree, as well as the addition of a new required course (PSYC 6021), and the removal of two courses no longer being offered. These changes are intended to reflect an increasing emphasis on preparing students for critical thinking and methodological familiarity across all three levels of the departmental curriculum. Furthermore, 45-hour M.A. degrees are unusual, and they want to reduce their non-thesis option to 36 hours for the reasons described. This proposal was rejected because it did not contain an assessment plan, a curriculum map, or a program sheet. These items have been requested and once supplied then the committee will revisit the proposal for discussion and vote.

5. The Graduate School

A. Academic Dismissal Policy

Originator: Denise Overfield. Presented by Denise Overfield.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: After discussing the policy with department chairs and schools, many agreed that the current policy is too harsh. Furthermore, there are a considerable number of programs that are accepting students into different programs on campus. Therefore, this modification proposes a change in policy from university dismissal to program dismissal in order to better align with current practices.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Richards College of Business

1. Department of Accounting and Finance

A. Master of Professional Accounting, MPAcc

Originator: Faye McIntyre

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: One MPAcc elective was accidentally left off the original submission, and they have changed 'graduate advisor' to 'Office of Grad Student Services' for clarification of contact point for students. According to modification comments in Curriculog, this is a correction to the program submission for MPAcc/MBA dual degree. Neither of these edits are substantial and do not require Senate action.

2. The Graduate School

A. Incomplete Policy

Originator: Denise Overfield

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: After discussion with the Graduate Advisory Committee and GPC over a related proposal regarding Incompletes, The Graduate School realized that the current Graduate Catalog language regarding Incompletes is, in fact, incomplete and does not outline current university policy. The Graduate School is updating the Graduate Catalog in order to reflect current university policy regarding Incompletes.

Adjourn: 11:18AM

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Vasconcellos, GPC Chair