

Graduate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2022

MEETING LOCATION: Convers 3007/Online through Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Becky da Cruz, David Nelson, John Lairsey, Keith Lee, Anne Price, Michelle Ritter, Jennifer Beal, Mitch Lockhart, Matthew Carter, Ellis Heath, Lenese Colson, Arsalan Wares, Debra Gresham, Zhong Lin,

Proxy: Luis Bejerano for Kelly Davidson, Ellis Heath for Nancy Swanson

Guests: Steve Downey, Renee Whitmer, Chris Downing, Crystal Marshall, Rebecca Petrella, Cordell Moats, and Darli DeVane

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Becky da Cruz at 2:01 pm.

Minutes from August 18, 2022 were approved. David Nelson motioned to approve. Michelle Ritter seconded. Motion passed: 15 approved - 0 opposed 0 abstained

**College of Education and Human Services**

Request for a Revised Catalog copy Catalog): Graduate Program Progression. Cleaning up and updated content based on recent program and state requirement changes

Michelle Ritter motioned to approve. Matt Carter seconded. Motion passed: 15 approved 0 opposed 0 abstained.

**Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders**



Request for a Revised Catalog Copy (Catalog): Georgia Reading Endorsement. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission offers the reading endorsement for all educators who hold professional Georgia certification. Ellis Heath motioned to approve. Matt Carter seconded. Motion passed: 15 approved 0 opposed 0 abstained.

Request for Revised Catalog Copy (website): Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education-Adapted Curriculum. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission recently removed the program admission assessment as a requirement for admission into educator preparation programs. To remain competitive with other providers, this program is removing the admission requirement. In addition, admission criteria are being revised to align with other MAT-level teacher education programs. Ellis Heath motioned to approve. Matt Carter seconded. Motion passed: 15 approved 0 opposed 0 abstained.

Request for Revised Catalog Copy (website): Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education-Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Education. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission recently removed the program admission assessment as a requirement for admission into educator preparation programs. The SLPI minimum score is needed in order for students to be hired in the schools. To remain competitive with other providers, this program is removing the admission requirement. Ellis Heath motioned to approve. Matt Carter seconded. Motion passed: 15 approved 0 opposed



already submitted. Due to the number of applications there maybe some who are not awarded due to limited funds. The sub-committee will meet after the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

- **Graduate Faculty Membership-** Dr. da Cruz stated that David Nelson serves as the current chair of this committee, but would like to step down; however, he would like to continue on the committee. We are seeking more sub-committee members also. This committee reviews faculty applications for full Grad status and only meet twice a year (fall & spring).
- **Graduate Research Symposium-** The sub-committee met on September 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue pre planning for the symposium. The committee plans to set earlier deadlines for the nominations, posters and 3 Dr. da Cruz encouraged the committee begin planning their nominations and to ensure the students are aware of the nomination. The committee discussed having a dual competition in the 3MT for online and face to face students. She also wants some options open for the posters for online students as well. David Nelson mentioned that there will be workshops setup for students who would like to work on their presentation. Keith Lee mentioned that the committee is thinking about the possibility of having a division for the poster category, so there would be a winner selected from groups of similar admissions. Dr. da Cruz mentioned that we plan to continue musical performances also.

#### **Other Business/Topics from the floor**

- **Grad Student Change of Degree/Program-** Steve Downey discussed the possibility of having a new form crated for Grad students who wish to change/transfer majors. They would fill out a form so as not to have to reapply to Grad school. After much discussion, Steve agreed to create a form and pilot the program to see how it works.
- **Graduate Admissions Update-** Rebecca stated admissions has been testing a 2.0 version of the actual application, so far things are working out well. She stated that the IT solution center will be testing it next. She is hoping to have the new version launched soon.
- **Graduate Assistant Updates-** Dr. da Cruz reminded everyone that the competitive GA application is due September 30<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded everyone the not every graduate program will get their own GA. have those position for the summer as well. He stated this would help when it comes to recruiting for the program. Dr. da Cruz said it would have to go before the cabinet for it to be approved. She suggested the task force meet again then bring before the cabinet.
- **Catalog: Irregular Admissions- Vote** There was a vote to remove the Irregular Admissions from the catalog. John Lairsey motioned to approve. Debra Gresham seconded. Motion passed: 15 approved 0 opposed 0 abstained.
- **AA Strategic Plan-** Representatives met September 14<sup>th</sup>. The following are on the committee: College of Nursing and Health Sciences is Lois Bellflowers, College of Education and Human Services is Kate Warner, Library is Emily Rogers, College of Humanities and Social Sciences is Deb Brihl, College of Arts is Monika Miller, College of Science and Math is Sudip Chakraborty. Dr. da Cruz recommended if there are

come in person or meet online. The meeting will be held in the new GA Grad room in the Library with Dr. Laverne as the guest speaker. He also reminded the committee that today was the last day for students to apply if they were interested in being an executive member.

- **Items from the Floor-** Dr. da Cruz stated she was going to bring an item to the next meeting involving regional accredited university requirements. She has invited Michael Black to the October meeting to discuss this.

Motion made to adjourn at 3: