Graduate Programs Committee Agenda Meeting Minutes
Approved: Friday, 2 November 2018
Meeting Date: Wednesday, 3 October 2018: 1P-3P in TLC 3205

Attendance: Colleen Vasconcellos, Janet Genz, Adrian Austin, Jill Drake, Denise Overfield, Judith Ruvalcaba, Mai Naito, David Jenks, Cathi Jenks, Judy Butler, Abdollah Khodkar, Clay Drummond, Trish Wells, Alicia Freed, Ben Geyer, Shelley Rogers, David Nickell

I. Approval of September Meeting Minutes Approved

II. Announcements
   • **AY 19 GPC Chair:** Call for volunteers for GPC Chair for AY 19 among GPC’s senators. GPC Chair will submit the call to the GPC Google Group listserv as well. Any interested parties should email Dr. Vasconcellos if interested.

III. Course/Program Additions, Modifications, Deletions

   **ACTION ITEMS:**

   A. College of Social Sciences

      1. **Department of Anthropology**

         A. **ANTH 5950: Directed Research**
            Request: Modify
            Decision: **Rejected/Revise and Resubmit.**

            **Discussion:** The proposal was unclear as to whether the course could be repeated, and if so, how many times. Therefore, we ask that the Department of Anthropology clarify and resubmit the proposal.

      2. **Graduate School**

         A. **Incomplete Policy**
            Originator: Denise Overfield. Presented by Denise Overfield.
            Request: Modify
            Decision: **Tabled/Revise and Resubmit.**

            **Discussion:** There were some concerns that the policy was perhaps too restrictive, and that it institutionalized the Incomplete process. GPC asks that The Graduate School clarify the language regarding hardship withdrawals and state who has final approval in the event that an exception is made.
3. Center for Adult Learners and Veterans

A. Military Withdrawal Policy
   Request: Modify
   Decision: Approved

   Discussion: The Academic Policy Committee (APC) of the Faculty Senate voted in September to amend the academic policy regarding Military Withdrawal. Where the old policy read that students must present official orders, the revised policy will indicate that students must present "reasonable documentation" approved by CALV. Once the new policy becomes active, we will need to revise UWG Procedure 3.10.2 Section G to reflect the amended language. Since military withdrawals also pertain to graduate students, GPC approval is needed before moving to Faculty Senate.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. College of Education

1. Department of Educational Technology and Foundations

   A. Online Teaching Endorsement
      Originator: Dr. Lara Willox
      Request: Modify
      Decision: Approved

      Discussion: For this modification no changes are being made to the prerequisite course MEDT 7461. They have modified the existing course MEDT 7472, and have added two additional courses MEDT 7491 and MEDT 7492. These courses align more with current practices versus the courses offered in 2014. This endorsement was approved in 2014 but it was not submitted to the GaPSC for approval at that point. The courses have now been updated with two new courses added to reflect current practice. The endorsement will be submitted to the GaPSC for approval. The majority of students most likely to complete the Online Teaching Endorsement will already be enrolled in a Master’s or Educational Specialist degree program in Media (School Library Media Concentration or Instructional Technology Concentration). The prerequisite course is taken by both SLM and IT students making the endorsement an easier process for them to complete. This program will need to be hidden from the Catalog until PSC approved.

Adjourn: 1:36P
Respectfully submitted by Colleen Vasconcellos, GPC Chair