

Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)

MINUTES, Approved May 5, 2018

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018
Location: School of Nursing – Conference Room 200
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Present: A. Austin; C. Berding; M. Bertau; C. Fain; J. Genz; R. Harrison; C. Jenks (for D. Jenks); A. Khodkar; S. Rogers; K. Skott-Myhre; M. Varga; C. Vasconcellos; S.H. Webb

Absent: D. Overfield

Guest: S. Gordon (College of Science and Mathematics)

I. Approval of Minutes: GPC March Meeting (3.15.2018)

Discussion: Changes/Modifications/Corrections

Action: **Passed/Approved**

II. Course/Program Additions, Modifications, Deletions:

ACTION ITEM:

A. Richards College of Business

1. Management Department

Originator: Adrian Austin

Program: **Master of Business Administration**

Request: Modify Existing Program (Combination Degree with Master of Professional Accounting)

Action: **Passed/Approved**

Details:

The Richards College of Business of the University of West Georgia is requesting approval for a new combined degree master's program between the Masters of Business Administration and the Masters of Professional Accounting. Our goal is to begin offering it in Fall 2018. The agreed upon combined program is indicated in program information.

Rationale:

Yearly, we have several students who request the ability to obtain the combined degree, and from our research, other institutes are offering similar programs. We are proposing the new combined degree as a way to meet our student body demand and to stay competitive in the market place.

INFORMATION ITEM:

B. College of Science and Mathematics

2. Mathematics Department

Originator: Scott Gordon
Program: **Master of Science with a Major in Mathematics**
Request: Modify Existing Program (Admissions)
Action: **Passed/Approved**
Details:

The Mathematics Department seeks to remove the GRE requirement for incoming masters students. (See BELOW edits to the graduate catalog.)

For regular admission to the program, students are expected to have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7 on all college level work, ~~a combined verbal and quantitative GRE score of at least 1030, with no score less than 400,~~ completion of the calculus sequence (equivalent of UWG courses MATH 1634, MATH 2644, MATH 2654) plus at least twelve hours of mathematics courses at the advanced undergraduate level (3000 level or higher, or the equivalent). **The GRE is not required but may strengthen the student's application.** Provisional admission: Applicants applying to a master's degree program in mathematics with less than the required GPA ~~and GRE~~ may be considered for provisional admission. They must ~~submit official GRE test scores and~~ must also have a grade point average of at least 2.2. In no event may the grade point average be less than 2.2. Applicants may also be admitted provisionally for reasons other than, or in addition to, grade point average ~~and GRE test scores.~~ Meeting ~~departmental test score and~~ grade point average requirements is no guarantee of admission. Provisional admission is ultimately subject to departmental approval and the Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics.

Rationale:

The department is working to increase enrollment in our master's program, and we frequently have highly-qualified applicants for whom the GRE is a barrier to admission. The department (in particular, the Graduate Committee) wishes to use its judgement as to which applicants are qualified, regardless of whether they have GRE scores.

III. Old Business

Amendment to Minutes: GPC February Meeting (2.15.2018)

Rationale: CEPD Program made changes to a course title (**CEPD 7121 – Special Topics in School Counseling** is now changed to **CEPD 7121 – Issues and Trends in Professional School Counseling**) since initially approved by GPC in February 2018.

Action: **Passed/Approved**

IV. New Business

Discussion of Comprehensive Program Reviews; Assigned committee members will initiate discussion (see below); however, all committee members are asked to briefly review the CPRs below prior to the meeting for further discussion.

- **College of Education: Educational Leadership Program**
Assigned: **Matt Varga + Christy Fain**
- **College of Education: Secondary Education – M.A.T. Program**
Assigned: **Rebecca Harrison + Marie Cecile Bertau**
- **College of Education: Media Specialist – Ed.S. Program**
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IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.