

Graduate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2020
MEETING LOCATION: Online through Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Becky da Cruz, Herb Fiester, Linda Most, David Nelson, Kelly Heckaman, Zhong Lin, Matt Carter, Mitch Lockhart, Grazyna Walczak (proxy for Luis Bejarano), Ellis Heath (proxy for Nancy Swanson), Keith Lee, Meagan Arrastia-Chisholm, Michelle Ritter, Dixie Haggard, Michael Webster, Anne Price, Maren Clegg-Hyer

Guests: Ernest Smith, Kennise Wilcox, Justin Sanchez, Rebecca Petrella, Sonja Jenkins, Crystal Marshall, Michael Black, Kathy Warner

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

Minutes from August 20th were approved. Linda Most motioned to approve. Maren Clegg-Hyer seconded.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Request for New Course – HIST 6227: History of American Sport: Linda Most motioned to approve. Herb Fiester seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Request to Deactivate Courses – NURS 7011, 7060, 7070, 7120, 7312, 7332L, 7450, 7451, 7463, 7473, 7510, 7520, 7595: Hoping to deactivate as early as possible in 2021. In order to maintain accreditation, need to make sure what was in catalog mimics what is in the course offerings. Cleaning up courses based on what is now offered. Matt Grant motioned to approve. Linda Most seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Request for Revised Course – NURS 7200: Advanced Health Assessment: Needed to be more inclusive of language in syllabus and catalog. Ensure that the language matches in syllabus and catalog. Linda Most motioned to approve. David Nelson seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Request for Revised Course – NURS 7200L: Advanced Health Assessment Practicum: Linda Most motioned to approve. David Nelson seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Request for Revised Course – NURS 7590: Nurse Practitioner Capstone: Updated language but also updated prerequisites. Course description updated as well. Linda Most motioned to approve. David Nelson seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Sub Committee Report

7. Dismissal Appeal & Denial Appeal Forms – Dr. da Cruz gave an update. Most of GEC agreed that Program Coordinators and Department Heads should both sign off. Deans want more input from the Department Heads (will take to the next Department Head meeting near end of September). There was some concern with the timing of appeals being finalized and reviewed by the graduate school. The question came up that if the Department Head and Dean have approved then why should the Graduate School weigh in? With the additional level of signatures (Program Coordinator) we aren't sure how this will affect the timing of everything. We are looking at including a statement something to the affect "The Graduate School only needs to approve if there is a discrepancy between the Department level and College level or if the Department Head and College both deny the appeal". The idea is that this should speed up those students who have a successful appeal in the Department and College and get a decision back quicker. The Graduate School will still need to be in the loop so we can have the dismissal lifted but the committee would not need to meet on those types. We will do follow-up regarding DocuSign and if a student can initiate and send directly to the Program Coordinator.
8. AGS - Justin Sanchez shared that the first General Body meeting is this coming Monday, September 21, 2020. One meeting will be at 8AM and one at 6PM (to accommodate students varying schedules)