

## **Graduate Council**

### **Minutes of March 17, 2015**

Dr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. In attendance were Paula Englis, Duane Inman, Chang Pu, Eliana Hirano, Andrew Bressette, Bryce Durbin, John Grout, Sherre Harrington, Brett Kennedy, Karen Kurz, Jacqueline McDowell, Nancy Mercer, Monica Willingham, Davis Nelson.

The minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting were approved by voice vote.

#### **New Business**

##### Charter School

Changes to the Education Masters and Specialist program admission requirements and curricular requirements were introduced by Davis Nelson. The changes relate to new regulations relating to when current educators can enroll in a Master's and Specialist programs. The proposals are the result of many hours of planning among a curriculum subcommittee of faculty and students. Major changes include the requirement to have a separate course on ethics and to divide up the internship course into four distinct courses.

Additional proposals were submitted for first reading:

- Proposal: ADD EDU 713 Ethical Decision Making for Leaders, 3-0-3
- Proposal: ADD EDU 791 Educational Leadership Capstone, 1-0-1
- Proposal: DELETE EDU 790 Professional Seminar
- Proposal: ADD EDU 741 Supervised Residency Internship I, 3-0-3
- Proposal: ADD EDU 742 Supervised Residency Internship II, 4-0-4
- Proposal: ADD EDU 743 Supervised Residency Internship III, 4-0-4
- Proposal: ADD EDU 744 Supervised Residency Internship IV, 3-0-3

Discussion: Dr. Richardson asked whether, for existing courses that are not being changed, do we need to change the course description to reflect the new regulations? Ms. Willingham indicated that the existing descriptions should be sufficient.

Dean Grout questioned the hours and whether they changed the number required for the degrees? Dean McDowell responded that the total number of hours required remains the same.

Dr. Kurz thanked Monica Willingham and Nelson Davis for the large number of hours it took to devise these changes. Dr. Nelson commented on the curriculum committee and how it was formed and operated. Members included students and faculty

- The Graduate Education Fees 2015-16 were submitted. Only one change: EDU 729 was increased to \$150.

Discussion: Ms. Willingham asked when the new tuition and fees go into effect, summer or fall? Dr. Bressette indicated that he has asked Brad Reeder to provide that dates for the new tuition costs and what the increase will be but that Graduate Council had at some point approved the change be for summer for the graduate students.

### Academic Calendar Proposals

Dr. Richardson introduced two proposed academic calendar options for 2016-17 & 2017-18, Drafts "A" and "B." Draft A is essentially the same basic format as previous years. Draft B offered changes relating to an extended Thanksgiving break and modified start, end, and final exam dates. Both maintain the minimum necessary class time. In addition, an additional summer schedule was provided as an option that would reduce the weeks of the summer blocks. The two six-week blocks would become 5 weeks and the 12 week block would become 10 weeks. Given the meeting times and lengths, time in class should still meet the minimum required to fulfill the College's credit hour policy.

Please discuss with your schools and bring back any comments.

Dr. Bressette commented on upcoming proposals to change the credit hour policy that will also be submitted to the Graduate council at a future date.

The next Graduate Council meeting will be April 21, 2015.

Chair: Kathy Brittain Richardson

Secretary: Bryce E. Durbin