



Graduate Council Meeting

Friday, November 4, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Atkinson 202

Meeting called to order 1:01pm

Members Present: Holley Roberts (Grad School), Nicole DeClouette (CoE), Josie Doss (CoHS), Kim Muschaweck (CoE), Sarah Myers (CoHS), Krystal Canady (CoHS), Cassie Napier (CoBT), Katie Simon (CoAS), Al Mead (CoAS), Parris Story (Grad Admissions), Lucy Beck (Student)

Additional: Shannon Gardner, Cara Smith, Kay Anderson

Regrets: Diane Gregg, Scott Cox, Tanya Goette, Winston Tripp

Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2022. Holley moved to approve the minutes. Katie seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda Josie moved to approve the agenda. Katie seconded the motion. Agenda was approved unanimously.

Welcome and Graduate School Updates: Holley Roberts

- Lots of recruitment at face-to-face events this month
- Graduate Application Fee waiver campaign concluded in October
- Double Bobcats:
 - First proposal is in the system. Pilot will start in spring.
 - Realized the need for PDF of curriculum proposal form to be added to the system.
 - Must go through college governance first.
 - Tell students that it's not official until it's approved. Students will register for UG class. Once application is submitted and approved, Kay can move them to graduate course.
 - Website is built but not yet live.
 - Holley is working to create an interest form for students to complete. If the interest form goes to the coordinator, what does the coordinator then do? Kay must be looped in.
- Research Day Committee is meeting with Stephanie Sevcik. They are working out how to provide online graduate students options for presenting.
- Graduate Enrollment for Spring is moving along.
- Victoria Fowler left the university, so Holley is working with Omar on marketing materials.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Action Items:
 - Program Termination - Ed.S. (Secondary) Education; The Specialist in Education with a Major in Education was a previous low-enrolled program that is already deactivated. Students have been taught out and no faculty will be affected.
 - Program Termination - M.Ed. Reading, Language, Literacy; The program was a previous low-enrolled program that is already deactivated. Students have been taught out and no faculty will be affected.
 - Nicole moved to approve the two program terminations. Josie seconded. The two termination proposals were approved unanimously.

- Information Items:
 - College of Education:**
 - Modification of an Existing Course:
 - New Course: EDIT 6231 Research for Library Media & Instructional Technology
 - Program Modification: REMOVE EDFS 6231: Research for School Improvement from Program of Study and ADD EDIT 6231
 - New course: Professional Learning and Innovation, EDCI 8950, Special Topics in Curriculum and Instruction. Having faculty fill out a form is unnecessary. Kay is ok with creating these special topics courses.
 - College of Health Sciences**
 - Modification of an Existing Course:
 - MS Health & Human Performance; KINS 6623, Advanced Sport and Exercise Psychology, Rename Graduate Sport and Exercise Psychology.

Update from Each College:

- College of Arts & Sciences: no report
- College of Business: excited for Double Bobcats
- College of Education: doing a lot of recruiting
- College of Health Sciences: re-evaluating recruiting strategies
 - Terminal Degree: BSN to DNP (2 degrees merged into one)
 - Merging current MSN courses and current DNP courses into one 3-year program of study for students to bypass the MSN and obtain a DNP with a concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner.
 - National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty (NONPF) is driving a policy to require a terminal degree as an entry level requirement for all Advance Practice Nurses (Nurse Practitioners). Certifying Organizations have not yet committed to requiring a terminal degree to sit for certification exams.
 - the driving factor behind the push is better patient outcomes with terminal degree prepared nurses compared to master degree prepared nurses.
 - The new program of study will need to offer DNP type courses first followed by traditional MSN courses to ensure clinical practice opportunities are close to the end of the program when students will be taking certification exams.

- We will continue to offer traditional MSN programs until certifying agencies tell us they are changing certification testing criteria
- Need to consider a policy to credential potential faculty employees since they will not have a traditional MSN degree. Will see what other institutions are doing for this.
 - considering verification of a certain number of graduate credit hour completion?
 - Will still have work experience.
- School of Nursing will continue to offer the MSN to DNP courses. There will be a continued (and enhanced) need for this type of preparation.

Announcements/Discussion:

- Student asked about graduate application clause “Have you been charged with a felony?”
 - They rely on students to be honest.
 - Graduate Admissions does background checks. It really depends on how serious the charge is.
 - The background check goes before a committee for a blind review, and the committee renders a decision.
 - Examples that would keep students out: stalking charges, burglary, manslaughter, DUI, etc.
- What is the proper advice? “Be honest on your application.” “A committee will do a blind review. They don’t see a name.” They will see the entire background report.

Next Meeting:

Graduate Council: January 13, 2023 (1:00 pm) – TBD

Adjourned at 1:36pm

Graduate Council Meetings for 2022-2023

January 13, 2023 – TBD

February 10, 2023 – TBD

March 3, 2023 – TBD

April 14, 2023 – TBD