



**Graduate Council Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2020
1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via WebEx
Minutes**

- Present: Sallie Coke, Carrie Cook, Kevin Elder, Sandra Gangstead, Shannon Gardner, Dianne Gregg, Lynn Hanson, Tina Holmes-Davis, Mandy Jarriel, Chris Lowery, Al Mead, Sherri Noviello, Joe Peters, Parris Story and Stephen Wills. Guest: Kay Anderson
- Approval of Agenda: Motion to add two nursing proposals to agenda for email vote. Motion approved.
- Approval of Minutes: March 6, 2020 minutes approved
- New Proposals
 - College of Education
 - M.Ed. in Special Education – Add EDEX 6124, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports in the Classroom and EDEX 6125, Implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports at the Tier III Level to the program of study of the M.Ed. in Special Education. In place of these courses, we request to delete EDEX 6190, Applied Behavior Analysis and EDEX 6193, Advanced Classroom Management from the program of study.
 - M.Ed in Library Media and Instructional Technology - Remove EDFS 6224, 6225, and 6226 from the course requirements for the M.Ed. in Instructional Technology and the M.Ed. in Library Media.
 - M.Ed. Early Childhood: The Early Childhood Program requests to provide the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education advanced degree program in a 100% on-line format in addition to the current partially online delivery.

All three proposals unanimously approved.

- College of Health Sciences
 - Two proposals from School of Nursing affecting Nurse Educator tracks need to be reviewed by council this academic year; Chair of Graduate Council will send out next week for email vote (see addendum to minutes for proposal and vote).
- Updates
 - CoAS
 - Four new graduate faculty members approved for graduate faculty status; continuing to work on a transition team for the July 1, 2020 move of the Master of Music Therapy program from CoHS to CoAS.
 - CoB
 - The CoB presented the following informational items:
 - 1) Four new MMIS courses approved: MMIS 6230 – Ecommerce; MMIS 6240 – Agile Project Management; MMIS 6250 – Leadership in IT; MMIS 6260 – Strategic MIS;
 - 2) Changes to the Master of Accountancy (MAcc): Renumber ACCT 6130 – Taxation of Business Entities to ACCT 5125; Remove ACCT 6310 and ACCT 6360 as course options for the MAcc.
 - CoEd

- Currently on track to meet last year's enrollment, maybe even a little bit ahead; good opportunity to increase MAT enrollment due to people losing jobs in current pandemic and considering teacher positions due to the teacher shortage; Professional Standards Commission waiving admissions testing to make it easier for people to get into education programs; first computer science class has been added to Fall 2020 schedule
- CoHS
 - Faculty have worked very hard to provide alternative experiences for clinical situations during pandemic; some graduate nursing students have experienced clinical sites not allowing them to continue, so faculty are working on ways to address this moving forward; increased enrollment in the psych mental health nurse practitioner track, accepted 12 additional full-time students and 6 additional part-time students; Master of Music Therapy moving from Health Sciences to the Music Department in Arts & Sciences July 1, 2020
- The Graduate School
 - Upcoming virtual social events to allow students to connect; Outstanding Graduate Assistant awards upcoming; Students who were awarded travel reimbursement and then had conference cancelled can reapply next year (as long as no funds were dispersed)
- Other
 - Opportunity to move students who are in face-to-face programs at other institutions across the country that are shutting down into a comparable online program at GC.
 - Dr. Gangstead is asking everyone to be mindful of graduate students who may need to take a pause in their program during pandemic; Graduate Admissions is working on readmission plan that makes it easy to expedite reenrollment for students who need to take a break.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Hanson

Addendum to Minutes
April 27, 2020

- New Proposals

College of Health Sciences - Post-MSN Nurse Educator Track Changes:

- Replacement of NRS 6115 (3cr) with NRS 5500 (2cr). The addition of one credit hour (from difference in replacement credit) to NRS 6121 course which will now have additional clinical hours.
- New name for NRS 6121 to be called Simulation and Technology in Nursing Education. NRS 6121 would be a variable credit hour option for students needing additional clinical hours.

Rationale: Changes in nursing education to include an increased focus on high-fidelity simulation support an increased emphasis on simulation in our program.

Proposal unanimously approved via email vote.

College of Arts & Sciences – MAT Music Education:

- Add MUED 5820 Music for the Exceptional Child (3cr) as a program requirement.
- Replace requirements for MUED 6300 Technology in Music Education (3cr) and EDIT 5202 Technology for Teachers (3cr) with a requirement for one or the other of these courses.

Proposal unanimously approved via email vote.