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MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
February 24, 2016

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in 229 Terrell Hall.

Members present: Elaine Adams, Michael Azain, Mary Caplan, James Carson, Adrian Childs, William Fitt, Gary Greer, Tai Guo, Caner Kazanci, William Kisaalita, Michele Lease, Jennifer Lindstrom, Scott Merkie, Kristen Navara, Rebecca Nesbit, Scott Pegan, Beth Preston, Kaori Sakamoto, Welch Suggs, Aaron Thompson, William Whitman, and John Yu. Attending from the Graduate School were Dean Suzanne Barbour, Associate Dean Julie Coffield, Deanna Knight, Cheri Bliss, Robin Bingham, and Kristin Lawrence, plus Audrey Lewis represented the Graduate Student Association.

Members absent: Kevin Ayres, Nicholas Berente, Peter Brosius, Jennifer Cannon, Janette Hill, Lance Palmer, Stephen Ramos, Patricia Reeves, and Hang Yin.

Dean Suzanne Barbour called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the December 9, 2015, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committees Reports and Action Items

A. Program Committee
Chair: Michael Azain

The committee met on December 15, 2015, to discuss one degree proposal, Master of Science degree in applied behavioral analysis, and two graduate certificate proposals, Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security and Graduate Certificate in Urban and Metropolitan Studies. Members present were Michael Azain, chair, James Carson, Gary Green, Caner Kazanci, Jennifer Lindstrom, and Beth Preston. Present from the Graduate School were Julie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence. After discussion, the MS degree program (applied behavioral analysis) and one certificate proposal (urban and metropolitan studies) were approved. The certificate program in cyber security was tabled. On January 11, 2016, the committee voted via email to approve the name change from middle school education to middle grades education for the MAT, MEd and EdS degrees.

The committee met on February 12, 2016, to discuss two certificate proposals: one in Dyslexia and one in STEM at the K-8 Level. Members present were Michael Azain, chair, Peter Brosius, James Carson, Caner Kazanci, and Beth Preston. Present from the Graduate School were Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence. Following the discussion, the committee approved both certificate proposals.

B. Administrative Committee
Chair: Michele Lease
The committee voted by email on the replacements of two council members: Kristen Navara to replace Jennifer Cannon and Rebecca Nesbit to replace Robert Christensen. Both replacements were approved.

On January 15, 2016, and again on February 15, 2016, Dean Barbour sent revisions of three draft documents to the committee, including: (a) Policy and Procedures for Appointment and Reappointment to the Graduate Faculty, (b) Article I, which defines the Graduate Faculty, and (c) the policy defining removal of Graduate Faculty status. On February 15, 2016, the committee met to discuss and further revise the proposed procedures. Along with Dean Barbour and Associate Dean Coffield, committee members present were Michael Lease, chair, Michael Azain, Adrian Childs, Tai Guo, and Kaori Sakamoto.

C. Admission and Retention Committee
Chair: Michele Lease
The committee met on December 15, 2015, to hear one dismissal appeal. Members present were: Michele Lease, chair, William Kisaalita, Scott Merkle, Kaori Sakamoto, and William Whitman. Present from the Graduate School were Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence. The committee voted to uphold the department's dismissal. The committee met on February 22, 2016, to hear two dismissal appeals. Members present were: Scott Merkle, acting chair, William Kisaalita, Kaori Sakamoto, and William Whitman. The committee voted to uphold one of the dismissal appeals and to overturn the other appeal.

D. Appointment and Reappointment Committee
Chair: Tai Guo
No report.

E. Curriculum Committee
Chair: Adrian Childs
Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee approved 98 new courses, 8 deletions, and 120 course change applications. Three courses have been returned to the course originators for revisions and one course has been returned to the GSCC's CAPA box awaiting approval by the chair. There are currently nineteen ready to be reviewed by the committee.

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
No new business.

Information Items
Dean Barbour reported the following items had been administratively approved by the Graduate School: a dual JD/MPH.

Due to the cancellation of the January 20, 2016, Graduate Council meeting, the following action items were approved unanimously by ballot vote of the Council members:
a. The request of the Department of Communication Sciences and Special Education, a proposal to offer a Master of Science degree in applied behavioral analysis.

b. At the request of the Department of Geography, a proposal to offer a Graduate Certificate in Urban and Metropolitan Studies.

c. At the request of the Department of Educational Theory and Practice, a proposal to change the name of the major, middle school education, for the MAT, MEd, MEd (online), and EdS, to middle grades education.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.