

## Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)

### Minutes of October 20, 2010 Meeting

Florida Atlantic University

College of Education

Office for Academic and Student Services, Room 232

1:00-3:00pm

Members Present: Deborah Floyd, Susannah Brown, Carlos Diaz, Dilys Schoorman, Linda Webb, Dena Wener, Mary Lou Duffy, Alyssa DeHass, Ali Danesh, Sharon Darling, Valerie Bryan, and Deborah Shepherd

- I. Call to order conducted by Deborah Floyd.
- II. Approval of Minutes Motion to approve the minutes for September 29, 2010 by Mary Lou Duffy. Seconded by Carlos Diaz. All members present voted to approve the amended minutes.

Carlos Diaz will take the minutes for the November 23, 2010 meeting.

- III. Petitions Sub-committee Report- Reported by Carlos Diaz

**Action:** Motion to approve 6 student petitions for October 20, 2010, by Carlos Diaz. Seconded by Mary Lou Duffy. All members present voted to approve student petitions as per the sub-committee recommendations.

**Action:** 8 petitions were considered. 6 petitions were approved as follows: EL- 5 and TL-1. 2 petitions were disapproved from the EL department.

- IV. Curriculum Sub-committee Report- Reported by Linda Webb

Linda Webb discussed the course changes.

SCE 6196 Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of Environmental Programs- Change title to Capstone Study in Environmental Education Changes to be made to the description according to the form. Suggestions were made to list the pre-requisites that would be prior to this course first. Also, it was suggested to add Graduate Program Environmental Education Majors only to the course description. Under the department approval process, the College of Education departments should be included.

SCE 6345 Perspectives of Environmental Education- Change the course description and pre-requisites. The same suggestions were noted concerning listing Graduate Program Environmental Education Majors only to the course description. Under the department approval process, the College of Education departments should be included.

SCE 6344 Advanced Methods of Environmental Education- Change the course description and pre-requisites. The same suggestions were noted concerning listing Graduate Program

Environmental Education Majors only to the course description. Under the department approval process, the College of Education departments should be included.

SCE 6644 Trends and Issues in Environmental Education- Change the course description and pre-requisites. The same suggestions were noted concerning listing Graduate Program Environmental Education Majors only to the course description. Under the department approval process, the College of Education departments should be included.

**Action:** Motion to approve the four courses with the sub-committee's suggestions for changes by Linda Webb. Seconded by Carlos Diaz. All members present voted to approve. EEX 6298 Intervention for Social Communication, Academic, and Functional Skills for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders Change course description and pre-requisites.

EEX 6210 Diagnosis, Assessment, and Instructional Decision Making for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders- Change course description and pre-requisites.

EBD 5246 Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders- Change title to Nature and Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorders, course prefix from EBD to EEX, and change course description.

EEX 5602 Behavior Change and Management Strategies- Change course pre-requisites.

**Action:** Motion to approve the courses with sub-committee's suggestions by Linda Webb.

Seconded by Dilys Schoorman. All members present voted to approve.

V. Graduate Faculty Applications- Committee of the Whole

Files reviewed by GPC members present at the meeting.

**Action:** Motion to approve graduate faculty status Level B for Chung-Jung Huang by Ali Danesh. Seconded by Mary Lou Duffy. All present voted to approve.

**Action:** Motion to approve graduate faculty status Level A for Noorchaya Yahya by Dena Wener. Seconded by Ali Danesh. All present voted to approve.

Ali Danesh discussed the new application form for Graduate Faculty Status. He and Valerie Bryan aligned the new form with the new graduate governance document. Deborah Floyd discussed that it is important that we should match the content from the graduate governance document. Mary Lou Duffy added that categories could be organized and all agreed that a check list style would suit the document and would be clearer for applicants. Mary Lou Duffy also mentioned that the curriculum vitae should be included. The website for the College of Education Graduate Programs Committee should be reviewed because the forms online are incorrect and two forms are similar in content but not format. The goal for this committee is to replace all the forms on the GPC website with the new corrected form. Sharon Darling suggested that evidence needs to be provided to support #2 Possess a knowledge base relevant to the student's major field of study on Level A. This can possibly be indicated by the chair's signature and acceptance of the application. This will be discussed further at future meetings. Valerie Bryan discussed adding a revision date to the document.

**Action:** Ali Danesh and Valerie Bryan will work on the new application and bring to the next COE GPC meeting, November 23, 2010.

VI. University Graduate Programs and Graduate Council Update- Deborah Floyd and Valerie Bryan (representatives)-

Deborah Floyd reported that she will serve as chair of the University Graduate Programs Committee this 2010-2011 year and that, thus far, our curriculum proposals have all been successful moving through this committee. Regarding the Graduate Council, the Dissertation Guidelines are being slightly revised and if anyone has input regarding the guidelines, please contact Valerie Bryan or Deborah Floyd. The UGPC and UGC are working to clarify various governance issues. Please refer to the Graduate College web site for more information about the University Graduate Council and University Graduate Programs Committee activities.

Higher Education Symposium- All members were invited to attend this event that is an official part of the FAU Presidential Inauguration Week.

VII. Meeting Adjourned by Deborah Floyd at 2:05pm.

VIII. Next GPC meeting will be held at 1-3pm on November 23, 2010 in the Office Student Academic Service, Room 232. Sub-committee meetings will be held at noon prior to the general meeting, unless otherwise noted. Curriculum proposals are due two weeks in advance of the meeting.