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GRADUATE COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting Held March 22, 2023

Present: Interim Dean Bond, Executive Associate Dean Kosteas, Professors Kumar, Gatica, Medina-Rivera, Munther, Slifkin, Ekelman, Kozlowski-Gibson, Resnick, and Whitbred

Guests: Maureen Mitchell, Michael Johnson, Anthony Menendez, Murad Hizlan

Interim Dean Bond called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approve Agenda **– The agenda was approved**

2. Approve Minutes
    a. February 22, 2023 **– The minutes were approved**

3. New Business
    a. Curriculog proposals
        - **Nursing, MSN - 1080 - Fall 23 – Program change**
            o The Master of Science in Nursing degree specialization track for Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP) and the MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) are designed to prepare graduates of the program as Advanced Practice Nurses (APN) who want a clinical specialization to meet the healthcare needs of families across the lifespan. The program enables the degree holder to be eligible to sit for a national certification exam for advanced practice as an APN FNP or APN PMHNP, depending on the specialization course of study and meets the educational requirements for the national certification examination.
            o **Approved**
        - **Family Nurse Practitioner, Post-Master of Science in Nursing Degree Certificate - 1080 - Fall 23 – New certificate**
            o The post-Master of Science in Nursing degree Certificate for Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP) is designed to prepare Advanced Practice Nurses (APN) who want a clinical specialization to meet the healthcare needs of families across the lifespan. The program enables certificate holders to be eligible to sit for a national certification exam for advanced practice as an APN FNP and meets the educational requirements for the national certification examination.
            o **Approved**

- **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Post-Master of Science in Nursing Degree Certificate - 1080 - Fall 23 – New certificate**
  - The post-Master of Science in Nursing degree Certificate for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) is designed to prepare Advanced Practice Nurses (APN) who want a clinical specialization to meet the healthcare needs of psychiatric mental health needs of clients across the lifespan. The program enables certificate holders to be eligible to sit for a national certification exam for advanced practice as an APN PMHNP and meets the educational requirements for the national certification examination.
  - **Approved**
- **Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Graduate Certificate – 1080 - Fall 23 – New certificate**
  - The proposal is for the creation of a new graduate certificate offered through the Department of Teacher Education. The seven courses within the proposed certificate are currently available for enrollment (i.e., no new courses are associated with this proposal). These courses comprise a Verified Course Sequence (VCS) that is part of the criteria needed in order to sit for the national qualifying exam which is the final step in becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Students can potentially earn the proposed certificate while they concurrently progress with other coursework at the graduate level. Courses within the proposed certificate are independent of other graduate programs (i.e., they are "stand alone" and do not impact/influence other graduate certificates and/or graduate degree programs of study). Students who aspire to become a BCBA need to complete the VCS courses, meet supervision requirements, have a graduate degree from an accredited university, and sit for and pass the national qualifying examination.
  - **A suggestion was made to add something about a team approach in schools.**
  - **Approved**
- **Graduate Certificate in Twice-Exceptional Education - 1080 - Fall 23 – New certificate**
  - Proposing 13-15 credit hours for a graduate certificate in Twice-Exceptional Education:
    a. ESE 500 OR EGT 512- 3 credits
    b. ETW 500 OR ETW 617- 1 Credit or 3 credits
    c. ESE 521 OR EGT 514- 3 credits
    d. ETW 515 or ETW 615- 3 credits
    e. ETW 518 or ETW 618- 3 credits
  - **Approved**
- **Information Systems, MIS - 1080 - Fall 23 – Program change**
  - Add 2 new courses from special topics and reactivate 2 courses to the MIS program.
    a. Two new courses have been offered in special topics for years and two courses are reactivated because of thriving students.
  - **Approved**
- **Occupational Therapy, MOT - 1090 - Spring 24 – Program deactivation**
  - The Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Program is no longer being offered and needs to be deactivated.

- o **Approved – CCGS will need to be notified**
- **Social Work, MSW - 1070 - Summer 23 – Program change**
  - o Current Admission Prerequisites for Traditional MSW Program :
    - a. GPA of 3.0
    - b. Minimum of Eight Social Science Courses
  - o Proposed Changes to Prerequisites for Traditional MSW Program:
    - a. Reduce required undergraduate GPA pre-requisite from 3.0 to 2.75 on a 4.0 scale overall.
    - b. Remove requirement for eight social science courses.
  - o Current Catalog Write-up with Proposed Changes (deleted content in bold)
    - a. TRADITIONAL MSW PROGRAM PREREQUISITES
    - **b.** Students are not required to have a bachelor's degree in social work or any other specific major in order to be considered for admissions to the Traditional MSW program, but they should have earned a bachelors degree. **and completed a minimum of eight social science classes prior to admissions. Social science classes include but are not limited to psychology, speech communication, women's studies, political science, gerontology, criminal justice, anthropology, diversity, African American studies, human development, economics, social work, sociology, and urban studies. Student that do not have a minimum of eight social sciences classes may submit a petition with their application materials demonstrating how they have learned commensurate social science content elsewhere.**
    - c. The minimum required GPA for admissions to the Traditional MSW program is an overall GPA of **3.0** on a 4.0 scale.
  - o Proposed Change
    - a. TRADITIONAL MSW PROGRAM PREREQUISITES
    - b. Students are not required to have a bachelor's degree in social work or any other specific major in order to be considered for admissions to the Traditional MSW program, but they should have earned a bachelors degree.
    - c. The minimum required GPA for admissions to the Traditional MSW program is an overall GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
  - o **No action on this proposal (no representatives present to answer questions) – will need to be put on agenda for next meeting**
- **Chemical Engineering, MS - 1080 - Fall 23 – Program change**
  - o The current core requirements for the MSCHE Program consist on completing three (3) out four (4) core areas for twelve (12) credit-hours. It consists on two mandatory advanced subject areas (Thermodynamics and Transport Phenomena) and one additional advanced subject area selected among two additional existing (Chemical Reactor Design and Separation Processes) core areas.
  - o **Approved**

- **Computer Science, MCS - 1080 - Fall 23 – Program change**
  - The GRE requirement criteria will be changed to the following:
    - a. The GRE is also required if one or more of the following conditions is true:
      - i. (revised) A non-ABET accredited college or university awarded undergraduate degree.
      - ii. (revised) The undergraduate degree was in a discipline unrelated to computer science, computer engineering, or software engineering.
      - iii. The year of the baccalaureate degree precedes the date of application to the College of Graduate Studies by more than six years.
      - iv. (revised) Additional admission requirement for international students can be found at the International Student Admission section of the Graduate Catalog.
  - **Approved**
- **Software Engineering, MSSE - 1080 - Fall 23 – Program change**
  - The GRE requirement criteria will be changed to the following:
    - a. An unaccredited college or university awarded the undergraduate degree. A non-ABET accredited undergraduate program. (updated)
    - b. The undergraduate degree was in a discipline unrelated to software engineering, electrical engineering, computer engineering, computer science, or information management. (no change)
    - c. The student's undergraduate cumulative grade-point average is below 3.0. (no change)
    - d. The year of the baccalaureate degree precedes the date of application to the College of Graduate Studies by more than six years. (no change)
  - **Approved**

  a. Courses in Curriculog for approval
    - **EDB 704, ETW 500, ETW 515, ETW 518, ETW 615, ETW 617, ETW 618, MUS 508, NUR 521/522/523, NUR 608/609/610/611/612/613, NUR 624/626/627/628/629, NUR 635/636/637/638/639/640/641, PSY 611 – Approved**
    - **BME 551/552/555/559/560, CHM 507, EEC 699, FIN 501, MCE 593/693/793, PSY 597, SPM 690 – Conditionally Approved**
    - **CIS 699 – Deleted (replacement proposal submitted in Curriculog 4/3/23)**
4. **Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees** --- Available reports
   a. Faculty Senate
   b. University Admissions & Standards
   c. University Curriculum Committee
   d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
   e. Petitions Committee
   f. Grade Dispute Committee
   g. Program Review Committee
   h. University Research Council Committee
   i. Graduate Student Awards Committee

5. **Discussion/action items**
    a. GRE/GMAT waiver extension through Summer 2025
        - GRE tests basic aptitude of graduate level work, but no predicted value in student success
        - This should be the last extension, then programs will need to make the change to requirements if they want to keep the GRE requirement in admissions
        - Plan to develop a new Curriculog form for admissions only changes (no curriculum)
        - Undergraduate is extended test optional through Summer 2025
        - Currently GRE/GMAT has been waived through Summer 2024 (masters only)
        - **Approved waiver extension through Summer 2025**
    b. Elimination of application fee
        - Undergraduate has no intention of bringing back the application fee.
        - It is not a significant source of revenue
        - **Approved**
    c. Graduate Faculty Status Applications – committee recommendations for SP23 applicants
        - **Council voted to approve the recommendations (via email after the meeting)**

6. **Updates/Announcements**

7. **Items for future discussion –** None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

All materials for review before the meeting are available on the University Curriculog web site for access by Council Members. (https://csuohio.curriculog.com/proposals)