



## GRADUATE COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Meeting Held December 2, 2019

*Present:* Dean Sridhar, Associate Dean Schultheiss, Professors Porter, Sparks, Falk, Tayyara, Kosteas, Carnell, Quinn, Shukla, Hatch, Kumar, Registrar Kevin Neal

*Absent/Excused:* Professors Arndt, Pourdavood, Kothapalli, Kim, Sola, Matcham, Ekelman, Allensworth-Davies, Library Representative Diane Kolosionek, Student Representative Nathan On

*Guests:* Associate Dean Brian Yusko, Professors Karl Wheatley, Elena Andrei, Julia Phillips

Dean Sridhar called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**1. Approve Agenda** – The meeting Agenda was **approved** with two addition of discussion items (Cleveland State Global course for international students and increased lecturer hiring vs faculty hires)

**2. Approve minutes** – November 14, 2019

❖ **A motion was made, seconded, the minutes were approved.**

**3. New Business**

❖ Curriculum proposals

- i. P-5 Education (with licensure) due to State change regarding the licensure band to P – 5 that necessitates the change for Fall 2020 including an increase focus on content knowledge.
  - Council member asked what other institutions around the state are doing. Credit requirements vary between 120 to high 130s.
  - A council member questioned undergrad courses for master's level. It was explained that the undergrad courses are for licensure and the master's program remains unchanged, with the exception of the modifications to include the content for grades 4-5.
  - Council member asked if the transcript review of minimum grade requirements for math and science will impact recruitment of students. May require additional coursework or test out.
  - A council member asked if the undergraduate syllabi mention the grade requirement for students pursuing licensure. Suggested review of course description and syllabi for specific education courses, as well as advising points.
  - Council member requested clarification regarding the entrance placement exam score. The math placement score language is for the licensure program and will not impede the graduate portion.
  - A council member questioned the nomenclature change. State will be call it a Primary License.
  - A council member questioned which courses are cross-listed. Any course between 502-517 can be cross-listed. Companion proposal for undergraduate courses will be reviewed.
  - EST 580 is the student teaching course and is not cross-listed.
  - ECE 695 is for the master's exit requirement.
  - **A motion to approve the proposal to extend the existing M.Ed. in Early Childhood (Pre-K – 3) program to the M.Ed in P - 5 Education was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.**

- ii. Dual Resident Education Program – new degree proposed as part of M.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction, Teacher Education department
  - A council member asked if these courses replace existing courses? What is the resource impact? No full-time faculty members that specialize in this area so would largely be carried by part-time instructors but would be strengthened by those from the early childhood and the TESOL program.
  - It was asked if this will be taking students from other programs or if it will bring in a whole other set of students that otherwise would not be interested. Hope to pull in students from low enrollment program, which would cover portion of resources. Intention is to run on a cohort basis so that new offerings would be around 3-4 per semester.
  - Proposal needs to be expanded to include a transition plan and resources.
  - A council member asked if any of the courses would be cross-listed. The response indicated that these are integrated courses and therefore cross-listing would not likely work.
  - Waiting on State response regarding Educator Preparation for licensure.
  - Clarification needed regarding grading scale of DRE 604.
  - **Motion tabled pending additional information on resources and transition plan.**
- iii. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) graduate certificate includes EST 573 as a course option for students as of Fall 2020
  - Council member questioned staff availability. Response indicated identified faculty availability for coverage.
  - **A motion to approve the modification to include EST 573 as an option in the graduate certificate of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.**
- iv. Ph.D. in Urban Education – Make Nursing Education specialization dormant
  - Teach out plan in place
  - **A motion to approve the suspension to the Ph.D. in Urban Education – Nursing Education Specialization was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.**
- v. Ph.D. in Urban Education – Counseling Psychology specialization, add/delete courses in specialization only; will decrease total credits
  - A question was raised regarding the nomenclature for EDU 700. Rational was based on the availability for students in alternate specialization to register for course.
  - Council member inquired if the comp question in regards to UST will no longer be utilized. It will no longer be utilized with Dr. Kellogg's support.
  - **A motion to approve the removal of UST 716 and add EDU 700, thus adjusting the required credit from 67 to 64 for the Ph.D. in Urban Education – Counseling Psychology specialization was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.**
- vi. Courses in Curriculog for approval
- vii. List of courses in Curriculog
  - Donna Schultheiss indicated that with the clarification that ECE 695 and EST 580 are not cross-listed, and both of these courses can now be voted on. Remaining courses designated with discussion will be held for further review.
  - Special topic course, CSC 591, 0 credit. Cleveland State Global course for international students focusing on professional development and academic skills. Staffing paid by the partnership.
  - **A motion was made to approve the courses presented in Curriculog, which was seconded and passed unanimously.**

#### 4. Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees – Available reports

- a. Faculty Senate – has not met
- b. University Admissions & Standards – has not met

- c. University Curriculum Committee – no report
- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee – no report
- e. Petitions Committee
  - Committee reviewed nine petitions at the last meeting and another meeting is in a few days.
- f. Grade Dispute Committee – none received
- g. Program Review Committee – no report
- h. University Research Council – no report
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee
  - Winners have been chosen

**5. Discussion items**

- ❖ Dr. Sridhar announced the retirement of Maribeth Kralik and introduction of Veronica Hill.
- ❖ Dr. Kosteas raised the concern that hiring Lecturers or Professors of Practice in lieu of tenure track professors will hinder the ability for programs to sustain staff with level 1 or 2 graduate faculty status. Dr. Sridhar offered to present a letter of concern from the Graduate Council to the Provost.

**6. Next Meeting:** The next Council meeting is Monday, January 27 @ 1:00 p.m.

**7. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.