

Graduate Committee Meeting

April 1, 2016

In attendance: Cindy Padula, Cheryl Williams, Joan Dagle, Lisa Church, Leslie Schuster, Jay Nimmagadda, Gerri August

Guests: Betty Rauhe and Robin Kirkwood Auld

1. Review minutes of March 4 meeting. CW moved to approve with following amendments:
 - i. Cheryl Williams and Elisa Miller need to be added to those in attendance.
 - ii. Correct spelling of Leslie's nameCP seconded.
Approved unanimously
2. Old Business
 - i. Discussion of the implementation of BA/MA dual enrollment programs. LS clarified that MA is implemented after 120 credits have been earned.
 - ii. Discussion of GRE and Millers Analogy Test requirement. MAT does not require GRE or the Millers Analogy Test. Leslie will explore adding GRE or Millers Analogy Test requirement to MAT. Further discussion needed.
 - iii. Curriculum Review
 1. 15-16_40-45 M.ED concentration in SNTC
 - a. Discussion included the following:
 - i. competing programs in the area (no competition)
 - ii. appeal to students—who would want to take this? (pedagogy piece is attractive)
 - iii. will MSN students be able to take as an elective (yes)
 - b. JN moved to approve; CW seconded; passed unanimously
 2. 15-16_46 PSYC 500/501
 - a. GA moved to approve; JN seconded; passed unanimously
 - iv. Committee membership
 1. Returning members: LC, CM, CW, GA
 2. New nominees: Diane Martel (Social Work) and the Graduate Program Chair from the Department of Nursing.
 3. Need: 2 members from FSEHD

3. New Business
 - i. Dean's Report
 1. Students with a bachelor's degree who come back to take undergrad courses (below 400) should not be billed as graduate students; bursar is working on this.
 2. Clarification to the Manual has been made re international students (those who have received their BA/BS at an English-speaking institution do not need to take the language exam TOEFL; if degree is from an international school, applicants will still need to undergo credit evaluation.
 - ii. Promotion of graduate programs
 1. CW reported that a workshop for art students and RI teachers was a smashing success.
 2. Road show is under consideration
 3. LS has been granted a .5 person
 4. Communications and Marketing are willing to work on projects. CP reported that Doctor of Nursing brochure was extremely impressive.
 - iii. One or two more grad assistantships than last year
 - iv. Symposium May 3
 - v. Graduate studies questionnaire will be sent out shortly to gather data on our currently enrolled grad students (identified by programs):
 1. What works for you at RIC?
 2. What impedes you in your world outside of RIC?
 3. What outside resources do you have?
4. Meeting adjourned