



Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Location: WebEx

Subject: Executive Committee (EC) of The Graduate School meeting minutes

Attendees: Judy Brown, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Mitch Green, Kent Holsinger (*Ex Officio, Chair*), Elizabeth Holzer, Barbara Kream (*Ex Officio*), Charles Mahoney, Etan Markus, Barbara Parziale (*Ex Officio – Secretary*), Lynn Puddington, Kathy Segerson (*Ex Officio*), and Penny Vlahos.

Absent: Betsy McCoach

Guests: Joseph Abramo, Cara Bernard, Christopher Blesso, Ji-Young Lee, and Kevin Lo

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1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. The regular meeting of the Executive Committee for November 11, 2020 was called to order at 3:01 pm.
 2. Agenda item number two (2) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. The minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting of the Executive Committee were introduced. There was a motion offered to accept the minutes, which was seconded, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number two (2) was passed without dissent.**
 3. There were no announcements at this time.
 4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Add/Create a new degree or certificate program – Master’s in Personalized Nutrition*. This new program is geared toward students who need to be credentialed. A discussion followed during which it was determined that more information was required. To not leave this hanging over the semester break it was determined that an email vote would be required after the new information was dispersed to the Committee. A motion was made and seconded to reserve a vote until that time. On November 17 the new information was sent out to committee members with a request to send their votes in by November 20. On November 18 all votes were received. At that time it was determined that the motion was approved. **Agenda item number four (4) was passed by a majority vote.**
 5. Agenda item number five (5) - Presented for consideration and voting – *Add a new area of concentration – MA in Curriculum and Instruction*. This proposal is not for a new concentration but to add the existing Music concentration to the options available to students in the TCPCG program. The Committee supported and approved the proposal in concept, but noted that the proposal must be returned to the initiator for numerous corrections. Assuming the resubmitted proposal is not substantively different from the one reviewed here, the Committee decided that

the revised proposal would not require further review by the Committee but could instead be approved by the Dean's Office on behalf of the Committee. **Agenda item number five (5) was tabled, with the expectation of resubmission by the initiator and subsequent approval by the Dean's Office.**

6. Agenda item number six (6) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Add/Create a new degree or certificate program – Master of Science in Regenerative Engineering and Convergence*. This was a return of the request that had been considered in October. After a discussion of the changes, the Committee approved the request with catalog language modifications. **Agenda item number six (6) was approved with catalog modifications.**
7. Agenda item number seven (7) – Dean's report and discussion.
 - a. Discussion of PhD in Integrative Studies. This would create the possibility of an Individualized field of study, much the same as undergrads. A lengthy discussion ensued with many questions regarding how this could work. What would be the standards? Who would set the standards? Would the student be as qualified? Would the student be as marketable? Would this be a disservice to the student? Wouldn't it be better to get one PhD degree and a master's degree in the other subject? In the non-academic job market this could be attractive to students. How would the funding be handled? A similar program is held at Virginia Tech and the University of California at Berkeley. Dean Holsinger will contact the Deans at these schools to get a better understanding of how they make this program work.
8. Agenda item number eight (8) – New business and updates. There was no new business.
9. There was a motion offered for adjournment which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.
10. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for **January 20, 2021 via Webex.**