

Graduate Council
September 8, 2016
Minutes

Members Present

Sheila Adams	Irene Pintado
Joy Townsend	Monica Riley
Johnnie Sue Wijewardane	Scott Tollison
Marty Brock	Brian Anderson
David Carter	Bridget Pieschel
Kendall Dunkelberg	Mark Bean
Lorraine Gaddis	Teresa Hamill
Peppy Bidy	Sherry Durkin for Lynn Dobbs
Marty Hatton	

The Graduate Council met on September 8, 2016, in the Welty Boardroom. The minutes of the April meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

New Business

- Pre-Graduate Studies Classification by Program – Marty/Scott
Marty Hatton brought up the issue of students possibly not having all the prerequisites needed to be admitted to a graduate program and what their classification should be. For instance, a student with a degree in General Studies may not have all the prerequisites required for graduate work in a particular program similar to nursing students needing advanced patho before being admitted to the FNP. Should they be a non-degree seeking student until they are ready to be admitted in a program? What will that mean for financial aid for the student? If the student is admitted to any undergraduate program, what will that mean to the enrollment numbers since they wouldn't be getting a degree in that program, just taking classes as an undergraduate. What about split level classes?

Nicole Patrick should be brought into this conversation in respect to financial aid. Marty will talk to Carla Lowery about the ramifications in Institutional Research.

- Remove GRE requirement from Graduate Admission in Education
As enrollment in Education is unusually low, Monica Riley believes that the GRE is a roadblock for many students. The requirements for graduate admission

include other more prevalent indicators for success than the GRE, such as a gpa of 3.0 or above and have a teaching license. As the Education accrediting body does not require the GRE and the student has to pass the Praxis core and Praxis II in order to obtain a teaching license, they would like to remove the GRE from the admission requirements.

Mark Bean made a motion to support Education in dropping the GRE from admission requirements. David Carter seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

- Change to Education Application
 - To include statement concerning a student's inability to obtain federal financial aid for certificate programs (non-degree seeking)

Monica Riley brought up an issue that has been causing some problems for students who were admitted into certificate programs. As any certificate program is non-degree, students cannot get federal financial aid as they are not degree seeking. Students cannot be changed in the system to degree seeking until the next semester. A statement will be added to the application that indicates that students applying to a certification program or non-degree seeking students are not eligible for financial aid.

Old Business

- Fire Engine-RED Update – Kendall sent out the link to test the application process. Please check every detail as this is what will be seen and used by all applicants. Any issues or changes should be compiled and sent to Kendall before the end of next week. Marty thanked Kendall for his extensive work with this project.

Our next meeting will be October 13, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. Proposals will be due by noon October 5, 2016.