

**Graduate Council Meeting**  
**April 23, 2009**  
**Minutes**

Present: Robin Schwartz, Frances Cai, Rochelle Kaplan, Susan Sabatino, Ellen Frye,  
Kem Louie

Guests: Geraldine Mongillo, Chris Mulrine, Paula Danzinger, Carol Frierson-Campbell

Absent: Trudi VanDyke

1. The minutes of the March 31, 2009 meeting were approved with one correction.

2. Review of proposals for revised programs

a) **M.Ed. in Reading/M.Ed. in Curriculum and Learning program change:**

Geraldine Mongillo presented the proposal. The Council recommended that the M.Ed. in Reading program be changed to the M.Ed. in Literacy program with two concentrations, one in the area of Reading Specialist and one in the area of Language Arts. This change also means that the Language Arts concentration will be removed from the list of programs in the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Learning. The change does not entail any changes in faculty or courses offered in the Language Arts concentration, but only that the concentration is offered through the M.Ed. in Literacy program instead of through the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Learning program. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Senate.

b) **M.Ed. in Counseling program and course changes:**

Paula Danzinger presented the proposal. The Council recommended that the M.Ed. in Counseling Services be changed to the M.Ed. in Professional Counseling. In addition it recommends that the concentration in Agency Counseling be renamed as the concentration in Mental Health Counseling. The change in name is to clarify the purpose of the program. Dr. Danzinger indicated that these changes in program names were acceptable to the Psychology Department which offers a related program without the counseling terminology. Two other course changes in the core requirements for the overall M.Ed. program are also recommended. These courses have been individually submitted and approved separately and now will become part of the program. This change in core requirements is related to the program's upcoming reaccreditation with CACREP. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Senate.

c) **M.Ed. in Special Education with a concentration in Developmental Disabilities program change and new courses**

Chris Mulrine presented the proposal. The Council recommended that the concentration in Developmental Disabilities be changed to the concentration in Advanced Studies and that the 7 new courses proposed for this concentration also be approved. This change is to provide an advanced program for previously certified special education teachers and is separated from the certification track for teachers seeking special education certification. It was noted that the former DD concentration provided certification as well as a master's degree and that this function is now being covered by a different track in the M.Ed. in

Special Education program. It was also recommended that the approval of this revised program consider how the full program including the 7 new courses will be scheduled and covered within the department's existing programs and faculty availability. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Senate.

**d) Master of Music with Music Education Concentration program change and new courses**

Carol Frierson-Campbell presented the proposal. The proposal calls for a restructuring of the Music Education concentration in the existing master's degree program such that there will be 3 tracks within the concentration, each for 18 credits. It is anticipated that the 18 credits in each track will be run, in part, as week-long summer residential courses at WPU and, in part, as online courses during the regular academic year. Questions about the feasibility of running this program in terms of sufficient enrollments and faculty to teach in each of the concentrations were raised. Discussion ensued but there was not enough time to complete the review. Carol agreed to continue the presentation at an additional meeting of the Council scheduled for Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, before the 12:30 meeting of the full Senate.

**e) M.A. in Clinical and Counseling Psychology program change and new courses**

The materials for this program were received an hour before the meeting. Discussion of this proposal was postponed until our next meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

3. It was agreed that the recommendation to form a second Senate Graduate Council will be part of the Council's annual report to the Senate.

4. The Council will be meeting again on the April 28th at 11:30 a.m. to complete its review of the Psychology and Music Departments' program change proposals.

Submitted by Rochelle Goldberg Kaplan