

**Graduate Studies Committee****Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Status of Minutes: Approved 12/8/2020

*Revised 3/26/2021**Attendees*

**Members Present:** R. Abrol, G. Bhavsar, J. Busillo-Aguayo, J. Gainsburg, M. Gianni, J. Huang, D. Jarvis, A. Lipscomb, S. Maalouf, R. Merida, K. Mkrtchyan, D. Spratt, C. terHorst

**Staff:** H. Carpenter, L. Kiapos, A. Levin, G. Rocklin

**Guests:** E. Altman, J. Bagwell, M. Ceja, E. Edeburn, S. Fitzpatrick-Behrens, J. Gandhi, D. Gehart, D. Gray, K. Harris, C. Hayashi, X. Jia, P. Lazarony, B. Li, S. Macauley, L. Moody, A. Restori, R. Ryan, D. Tamalis, A. Weiss, B. Wu

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from October 13, 2020 were **MSP approved**.

**III. Announcements**

H. Carpenter announced that she is presenting two workshops for the California Pre-Doctoral Program on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Carpenter also announced that because of her retirement Heidi Schumacher will be temporarily taking over as the campus coordinator for the California Pre-Doctoral Program and the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program.

A. Levin announced that the application deadline for the Teaching Assistant Fellowship Program is on November 13<sup>th</sup>. She announced that in Spring 2021 the Graduate Studies Office will be piloting a peer mentorship and women in STEM mentorship program. Lastly, Levin shared that the Graduate Studies Office provides funding for thesis support and graduate student travel funding. She reported that the number of thesis support applications were low and so far, no students have applied for travel funding this semester. She announced that the Thesis Support Program will

be offered again in Winter and Spring 2021. Levin asked the committee to send her ideas on how the Graduate Studies Office can financially support students.

#### **IV. Informational Items**

The M.S. in Environmental and Occupational Health program updated their admission requirements to be effective Fall 2021.

The M.S. in Mechanical Engineering program updated their admission requirements to be effective Fall 2021.

The College of Humanities has transferred ownership of the Graduate Certificate in Sustainability Practices to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The existing certificate courses will change from "SUST" to the new subject abbreviation "SUS" to be effective Spring 2021. The requested changes are to facilitate the development of the proposed M.A. in Sustainability.

#### **V. Action Items**

##### **A. College of Health and Human Development**

###### **Health Sciences**

###### ***Course Modifications***

1. HSCI 698C-Thesis or Graduate Project. **MSP approved.**
2. HSCI 698E-Integrative Learning Graduate Project. **MSP approved.**

##### **B. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences**

###### **History**

###### ***Course Modifications***

1. HIST 424-A History of the Medieval Middle East, 600-1258. **MSP approved.**
2. HIST 425-History of the Early Modern Middle East. **MSP approved.**
3. HIST 449-Russia to 1917. **MSP approved.**
4. HIST 450-Russia Since 1917. **MSP approved.**

###### **Public Administration Program**

###### ***Program Modification***

5. M.P.A., Public Administration, Health Administration Option. **MSP approved.**

###### **Sustainability Program**

###### ***New Courses***

6. SUS 530-Mixed Methods in Sustainability Research. **MSP approved.**
7. SUS 698-Thesis or Graduate Project. **MSP approved.**

### ***New Program***

8. M.A., Sustainability. **MSP approved.**

## **C. Michael D. Eisner College of Education**

### **Educational Leadership and Policy Studies**

#### ***Program Modification***

1. Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. **MSP approved.**

### **Educational Psychology and Counseling**

#### ***Course Modifications***

2. EPC 656-Therapy with Children, Adolescents, and Their Families. **MSP approved.**
3. EPC 657C-Career Interventions in Mental Health Counseling. **MSP approved.**
4. EPC 659P-Fieldwork in Marriage and Family Therapy/Counseling. **MSP approved.**
5. EPC 659Q-Fieldwork in Marriage and Family Therapy/Counseling. **MSP approved.**
6. EPC 659R-Fieldwork in Marriage and Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
7. EPC 670B-Postmodern and Cognitive Therapy Theories and Their Evidence Base. **MSP approved.**
8. EPC 670C-Psychoeducational and Process Groups in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
9. EPC 671M-Law, Ethics, and Professional Issues in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
10. EPC 674-Family Development Across the Lifespan. **MSP approved.**
11. EPC 677-Couples and Sex Therapy. **MSP approved.**
12. EPC 679-Clinical and Outcome-Based Assessment. **MSP approved.**

#### ***New Courses***

13. EPC 603MFA-Clinical Research and Program Evaluation. **MSP approved.**  
*Note: EPC 603MFA was originally submitted as a course modification to EPC 603.*
14. EPC 603MFB-Introduction to Professional Writing. **MSP approved**
15. EPC 643MF-Diversity in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
16. EPC 659MFA-Introduction to Counseling Theory and Practice. **MSP approved.**
17. EPC 659MFB-Practicum in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
18. EPC 670MFA-Systemic Family Therapy Theories. **MSP approved.**
19. EPC 672MFA-Mental Health Assessment and Diagnosis in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
20. EPC 672MFB-Neurobiology and Treatment of Trauma. **MSP approved.**
21. EPC 673MF-Trauma-Informed Community Mental Health. **MSP approved.**

- 22. EPC 675MF-Substance Abuse and Addiction Treatment in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
- 23. EPC 677MFB-Gender and Sexuality in Marriage and Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
- 24. EPC 678MF-Psychopharmacology and Neurobiological Foundations in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
- 25. EPC 690MFA-Advanced Fieldwork and Professional Development in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
- 26. EPC 690MFC-Advanced Fieldwork and Professional Practice in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
- 27. EPC 695MF-Seminar in Professional Writing. **MSP approved.**
- 28. EPC 696MF-Directed Research in Family Therapy. **MSP approved.**
- Program Modification***
- 29. M.S., Counseling, Marriage Family Therapy Option. **MSP approved.**
- Special Education**
- New Course***
- 30. SPED 615-Transdisciplinary Teaming in ECSE, Early Intervention, and Behavior Intervention. **MSP approved.**

#### **D. Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication**

##### **Journalism**

##### ***Course Modifications***

- 1. JOUR 494AEE-Internship. **MSP approved.**
- 2. JOUR 494BEE-Internship. **MSP approved.**
- 3. JOUR 495A-Z-Selected Topics in Journalism. **MSP approved.**

##### **Music**

##### ***Course Modification***

- 4. MUS 492/L-Influence of Music on Behavior and Lab. **MSP approved.**

## **VI. External Review Meeting Update**

K. Mkrtchyan reported on the Urban Studies and Planning external review exit meeting. She reported that the reviewer's feedback was very positive. The graduate program was commended for supporting students and having a well-run department with collegiality among faculty. The graduate program was also commended for maintaining solid enrollments and having very strong connections with the community. The reviewer recommended cross-listing courses and encouraged research with other departments.

## **VII. GSC Chair Election for Spring 2021**

D. Spratt from the English Department was elected as the GSC Chair for Spring 2021.

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

E. Altman reported that the Library is moving the collections of the Electronic Thesis and Dissertations (ETD) from the current CSUN ScholarWorks platform to a CSU-wide ScholarWorks platform. She explained that the interface for the current platform has CSUN branding whereas the new platform is CSU branded and is more consistent with how everything is cataloged. The Library is in the process of migrating to the new platform and expect the process to be finished by the end of December. Because of the change in platforms the Library needed to make some changes to the Deposit License Agreement that students sign off on before they submit their thesis in the ETD system. A. Weiss stated that the main change is making it a CSU-wide license deposit agreement rather than a campus specific agreement so the agreement will say CSU rather than CSUN. He shared that some of the language in the agreement has also been changed to make it easier for students and to align the language with the CSU Chancellor's Office. Weiss explained that the changes are minor but the purpose of the agreement is the same.

J. Gandhi and B. Li discussed and reviewed the Extended Learning Committee's proposal to modify the CSUN Policy on Certificates. The proposal is requesting the creation of an additional type of certificate to be added to the policy that would be comprised of 6 to 14 credit units. Li explained that the current policy prevents CSUN from developing certificate programs that meet a wider range of educational needs. He added that having the option to create certificate programs comprised of 6 to 14 credit units will keep the cost of study lower for students. After some discussion, the committee agreed to support the proposal and modify the Policy on Certificates. The committee decided that the new certificate type will be called Professional Specialization Certificate. A. Levin stated that the Graduate Studies Office will be making additional changes to the existing policy. The committee will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.