

Graduate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2021
MEETING LOCATION: Online through Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Becky da Cruz, Linda Most, David Nelson, Kelly Heckaman, Luis Bejarano, Anne Greenfield, Dixie Haggard, Keith Lee, Mitch Lockhart, Zhong (Beibei) Lin, Matt Grant, Ellis Heath, Peggy Moch, Christopher Downing, Michael Webster, John Lairsey, Michelle Ritter, Anne Price

Proxies: Karen Noll for Matt Carter; Linda Most for Megan Arrastia-Chisholm; Ellis Heath for Matt Grant and Nancy Swanson

Guests: Crystal Marshall, Colette Drouillard, Renee Whitmer, Sonja Jenkins, Marie Reyes, Kennise Wilcox, Pepper Croft, Jamil Davis, Mark Reinhardt

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Becky da Cruz at 2.01 pm.

Minutes from September 16, 2021 were approved. Michelle Ritter motioned to approve. Dixie Haggard seconded. Motion passed: 15 voted to approve - 0 opposed - 0 abstained

College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Request for a Revised Course – NURS 7252: The reasons for this change are: Currently, students entering in the program do not possess the appropriate psychiatric assessment skills necessary to appropriately make a mental health diagnosis and appropriately treat clients. Based on the formative and summative assessments of students' performance, students should be required to take a course that provides psychiatric assessment skills for individuals across the lifespan. This course builds on the knowledge of advanced health assessment with a focus on clients across the lifespan with co-morbid physical and psychiatric conditions commonly seen in psychiatric/mental health settings. Emphasis is placed on communication, organized health assessments related to identification of co-morbidity and interrelationship of physical and psychiatric conditions. These essential skills will allow for students to improve their ability to appropriately diagnose and treat, and essential element required to be an effective Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Diagnosing and treatment is one of the most important domains evaluated on the national board examination by the accrediting agency/governing body of the American Credentialing Nursing Center (ANCC). Linda Most motioned to approve. David Nelson seconded. Motion passed: 15 voted to approve – 0 opposed – 0 abstained.

Revised Catalog Copy – Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: The reasons for this change are: Currently, students entering in the program do not possess the appropriate

psychiatric assessment skills necessary to appropriately make a mental health diagnosis and appropriately treat clients. Based on the formative and summative assessments of students' performance, students should be required to take a course that provides psychiatric assessment skills for individuals across the lifespan. This course builds on the knowledge of advanced health assessment with a focus on clients across the lifespan with co-morbid physical and psychiatric conditions commonly seen in psychiatric/mental health settings. Emphasis is placed on communication, organized health assessments related to identification of co-morbidity and interrelationship of physical and psychiatric conditions. These essential skills will allow for students to improve their ability to appropriately diagnose and treat , and essential element required to be an effective Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Diagnosing and treatment is one of the most important domains evaluated on the national board examination by the accrediting agency/governing body of the American Credentialing Nursing Center (ANCC). Linda Most motioned to approve. David Nelson seconded. Motion passed: 15 voted to approve – 0 opposed – 0 abstained.

Revised Catalog Copy/Curriculum Change – Post-Master DNP Program of Study with MBA: The reasons for this change are: Adding the MBA to the DNP program in an effort to expand the doctoral prepared nurse for management and advanced leadership roles. Michelle Ritter motioned to approve. Peggy Moch seconded. Motion passed: 15 voted to approve – 0 opposed – 1 abstained.

Sub Committee Report

- Graduate Student Success – Dr. Downing – Provided update on the upcoming Spring semester orientation that will be virtual. Also receiving responses from survey from Fall orientation to help guide next Fall's orientation.
- Doctoral Program Sub-Committee – No report
- Graduate Appeals - No report.
- Graduate Faculty Scholarship – Dr. Nelson - Fall 2021 applications:
 - 10 awards granted (one denied - seeking support for training certificate) to faculty for a total of \$5,375
 - 2 students awarded so far for \$975
- Graduate Faculty Membership – Dr. Nelson - Fall applications:
 - 11 faculty with Full status reapplied - Supported 10 with request to 1 to resubmit with additional information.
 - 4 faculty with Temp status applied - Supported 3 with request to 1 to resubmit with additional information.
 - 0 new faculty applied for Full status.

Other Business/Topics from the Floor

- 1) Pepper Croft from IT – Updated the Committee on the upcoming testing and release of Slate (electronic application system). Program Coordinators will be provided credentials next week to begin testing their applications.
- 2) Graduate Admissions Updates – Becky da Cruz updated – continuing to seek updates from programs that have not already submitted test score waivers who plan to do so. Will be seeking updates to program coordinator list to provide to Pepper for testing phase of Slate.
- 3) Search for Administrative Coordinator replacement – Dr. da Cruz updated. Two more candidates to interview this week.
- 4) Graduate Assistantships – Dr. da Cruz updated. GA Competitive Applications are being reviewed by the Committee. Decisions will be communicated out early November.
- 5) Reminder that deadline for theses and dissertations is Friday, November 12th.
- 6) Reminder that Graduate Commencement is December 10th at 5pm in the Complex. Will update GEC after the Commencement Planning Committee meets.
- 7) AGS/SGA – No updates – Emily Brown wasn't in attendance due to class. Will provide programming updates that will be shared with GEC to pass along to their students.
- 8) No items from the Floor.

Motion was made to adjourn at 3:19 PM by David Nelson. Peggy Mock Seconded.

Next Meeting: December 2nd. (Next Academic Meeting November 8th)

Marie Reyes

Marie Reyes, Recorder

Becky K. da Cruz

Becky K. da Cruz, Associate Provost for Graduate
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