Graduate Programs Committee (GPC) Minutes for April 10th, 2024

Present: Lisa Finnegan, Sharon Darling, Charles Dukes, Adriana C. Labarta, Cristóbal (guest), Deborah Shepard, Sabrina Sembiante

Curriculum Sub-Committee

Two curricular bundles were considered from Educational Leadership and Research Methodology (ELRM).

Advanced Research Seminar in Educational Leadership for School Leaders EDA 7978 Dissertation Seminar in Higher Education EDH 7978

The Higher Education program in ELRM proposed addition of doctoral seminar course, previously offered as special topics course-approved.

The ELRM proposed a name change for the Educational Specialist program in Adult Education. New name proposed is Higher Education Leadership-name change approved.

Petitions Sub-Committee

Three petitions. One from Communication Sciences and Disorders 9CSD) and two from Educational Leadership and Research Methodology (ELRM).

CSD student requested waiver of requirement to pass PRAXIS exam as a graduation requirement-approved.

ELRM student requested waiver of residency requirement for spring 2024-approved.

ELRM students requested waiver of recency requirement for course STA 6113 (more than 10 years old)-approved

students from Counselor Education submitted waivers for the GRE – All Approved

One student from Counselor Ed petitioned to waive the GRE to apply for the Specialists because they already have a Master's Degree - Approved

Three Educational Leadership and Research Methodology students petitioned to waive continuous enrollment- approved

One other student from EDLRM petitioned to waive the reactivation fee - approved

General GPC Concerns

Graduate Dean sent out new policy about low GPA's. Some students complained they would not be able to raise their GPA in time as according to new policy. So, some rewriting of the policy and new form to help solve the problem. CoE is not the only college whose students questioned the change in policy

President's Search – BoG is redoing the guidelines for Presential Searches. They will not meet to begin discussion on this until April or May so FAU cannot begin to formally search for a new president until the new guidelines are in place.

A discussion about which graduate school policy changes needed to go through the faculty governance process and which ones don't need to. Dr. Peluso will discuss with Dr. Stackman, the Graduate School Dean.

Dr. Peluso explained the new research center the CoE is creating. Mike and Paul worked with the dean to create this center which will have three faces, internal to the CoE which will be used to help students with methods, another will be used to consult with other colleges at FAU but will be fee based. And, the center will also work with outside organizations who wish to hire the center to run research projects for a fee.