MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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Members Present: S. Church (Chair), J. Marshall (ex officio), K. Capehart, D. Lent, M. Lopez, N. Wang, S. Tracz, D. Walker. Theresa Taliaferro (observer).

Members Excused: N. Wang

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. in TA 117 by Chair S. Church

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2020
2. Agenda: MSC to approve agenda
3. Communications and Announcements
* Graduate Coordinator breakfast March 27, 2020, 8am-10am.
1. Educational Leadership Program Review Discussion

S. Tracz shared the evolution of the program from a joint program with UC Davis, to a partnership with California State University Bakersfield for WASC qualification for CSUB, to the joint online program with Cal. State Channel Islands (CODEL).

Current independent Ed. Leadership program has both online and traditional options and is called DPELFS. DPELFS is no longer a joint online program with Cal. State Channel Islands. This change may have left students concerned that the program is no longer interdisciplinary. There seems to be some question about the transition from CODEL to DPELFS.

Updated program changes:

* Completion of the written dissertation. The class that assists with dissertation writing is taken earlier in the Spring of semester 5 instead of in the Fall of semester 7. The Graduate Writing Studio (GWS) also provides good dissertation support as does the Thesis Consultant, Chuck Radke, and the GWS Ed.D doctoral program liaison, Debbie Neufeld. The Graduate Statistics Studio (GSS) also facilitates student completion of 599 research in a timely manner. The importance of advisor recommendations to complete the literature review during the first summer after beginning the program was discussed. Further discussion broached how dissertation chairs are assigned.
* A pilot take home Qualifying Exam was reportedly successful for students.

The site review mentioned an annual carry over amount. Evidently, 599 chairs receive financial compensation but committee members are not reimbursed. Discussion surrounded the following regarding this topic: reimbursing committee members as well as chairs and the recommendation by the visitation team regarding carryover monies. This is a stand-alone program so a detailed budget, in addition to coordination with the Dean of the College could help with planning for the program.

Student attrition from the program seems to be low and generally tied to unavoidable health or life events.

There are a limited number of elective course offerings, this needs to be addressed as mentioned in the site visit report.

Dean Marshall gave some information about the program. Graduation rates are high. Dean Marshall pointed out that graduates go on to, or continue in, Administration leadership roles. There are ~ 16-20 students per year in this program.

In the review, the Ed. Leadership Chair is responsible for assigning classes to the faculty in the doctoral program. This seems to be a change in structure as the Ed. Leadership program director historically was responsible for the faculty of the doctoral program.

Site team comments about the previously “closed” program now being open to more faculty from across the college developed into discussion regarding openness of the program to faculty from outside of college. This program reportedly was founded on experts in Educational Leadership with many years of experience which should continue to maintain the mission and excellence of the program.

1. MSC adjourned at 3 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

1. Agenda for Feb 18, 2020
2. Approval of minutes from February 11, 2020
3. Approval of agenda
4. Communications and announcements
5. Meet with representatives from Ed. Leadership, Ed.D.