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August 31, 2021

Members Present: M. López (Chair), J. Marshall (ex officio), K. Capehart, D. Lent,
D. Walker, A. Hoskins, G. Sharma, R. Sias

Members Excused: B. Sethuramasamyraja

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. on Zoom by Chair M. López

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of August 24, 2021

II. Agenda: MSC to approve agenda for August 31, 2021

III. Communications and Announcement

- a. Curricular conflict with UGC meeting for B. Sethuramasamyraja. Chair López contacted the Faculty Senate office for input regarding the vacancy for Fall 2021.
- b. J. Marshall reviewed announcement of DRGS Interim Dean position, noting a short application window of 2 weeks.
- c. Chair López discussed Top Dog nominee for DRGS.
 - i) Forward potential candidate names to J. Marshall. Four to five people in the pool currently, as previous nominees remain in the pool if not chosen for the award. Recent graduates rarely chosen because that person likely is not well established within the community or profession.

IV. Preliminary Discussion: Options Proposal - Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

- a. Committee discussion:
 - i) D. Lent - Current enrollment and expected enrollment. Need clarification of enrollment numbers. What are the expectations of the current four faculty? Percentage of students completing comprehensive exams versus thesis versus projects? G. Sharma informed the committee that few students in this program choose thesis.
 - (1) Timeline and availability of courses offerings discussed.
 - (2) Discussion regarding current faculty and teaching load.
 - (a) Two faculty listed, one recently promoted to Associate Dean (J. Marshall).

- (b) Faculty search last year, hired 1 faculty, no search this year (G. Sharma).
- (c) G. Sharama - Many courses are taught across the program. Discussion about necessary faculty to advise students in the various options?
- ii) Discussion about the 3 additional units required for students who choose the project or thesis culminating experience.
- iii) J. Marshall -Inconsistent unit requirements are not Title 5 compliant. Will inquire if other CSU graduate programs have this unit discrepancy. Chancellor's office looks for departmental and student equity in degree units and the culminating experience. Likely, 3 units cannot be added onto the degree.
 - (1) Because Comp Exam doesn't have units tied to it, those are generally fulfilled within the established units of the degree, i.e., an additional class.
- iv) Catalog/proposal mismatch (D. Lent) - 3 options listed in the catalog, under the notes of the proposal 4 options listed (page 3 of the proposal). Title 5 does not allow 4 options for a culminating experience. Discussion about the 4th option.
 - (1) national exam may be serving as comprehensive exam; questions of student equity between students and programs discussed.
- v) Core accreditation has been replaced by CACREP accreditation (G. Sharma). Discussed adding clarification to the catalog (D. Lent).
- vi) Summary of questions for representatives for Options Proposal - Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling**
 - (1) Current enrollment in the program? Expected enrollment with the two options?
 - (2) What is the student to faculty density expectations of the current four faculty? Per option?
 - (a) Does the current faculty mix include the necessary specialties to advise students in both options?
 - (3) What is the percentage of students who chose the comprehensive examination, the graduate project, the thesis?
 - (4) Will students in the Mental Health option be eligible for licensure with 1 less class in the case that project or thesis is chosen as culminating option?
 - (5) Clarification needed regarding the comprehensive examination, the national examination, and student equity between culminating experiences.

- (6) Clarification needs to be given regarding different unit requirements for students taking the comprehensive exam versus completing a project/thesis. Can a course be dropped without losing licensure eligibility?

V. MSC adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom.

VI. Agenda for

1. Approval of minutes from August 31, 2021
2. Approval of agenda for September 7, 2021
3. Communications and Announcements
4. Meet with representatives for Options Proposal - Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling (Time certain 2:15 p.m.)