2018-2019 Committee on Graduate Education

Agenda

October 5, 2018

Committee members: Sandy Slater (Chair; History), Kate Keeney (Arts Management), Anthony LeClerc (Computer Science), Amanda Ruth-McSwain (Communication)

Ex-Officio: Godfrey Gibbison (Dean of the Graduate School of the University of Charleston, S.C.), Lynne Ford (Associate Provost), Divya Bhati (Institutional Effectiveness & Strategic Planning), Mary Bergstrom (Registrar), Franklin Czwazka (Registrar), Robyn Olejniczak (Graduate School),

Invited: Roger Daniels (Accountancy), Fran Welch, Dean, EHHP

A. Call to Order
B. Approval of April and September Minutes
   Amanda Ruth-McSwain made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Kate Keeney seconded. All approved.

C. Dean of Graduate Studies (Godfrey Gibbison)
D. Associate Provost (Lynne Ford)
   Sandy Slater asked for updates from Godfrey Gibbison and Lynne Ford. No pertinent updates were needed at this time.

E. Accountancy: Admission Modifications
   Roger Daniels discussed the admissions modifications. Godfrey Gibbison commented that he is in favor or language that is open to alternate admissions criteria, but that the language and pathways need to be transparent. Godfrey Gibbison supported the changed language that was being presented by the program.
Robyn Olejniczak talked through the tracking mechanism for admission waiver requests. Once admissions requirements are changed, programs will no longer need to go through the waiver process. Robyn Olejniczak asked about accredited institutions or equivalent. Roger Daniels said that the faculty committee would come to agreement on what was equivalent—many high quality schools are not accredited.

Sandy Slater asked for a motion. Amanda Ruth-McSwain made a motion to approve the change. Kate Keeney seconded the motion. All approved.

F. English

1. ENGL 574 Pre-Requisite Change https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:967/form
2. ENGL 574 Pre-Requisite Change https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:972/form
3. ENGL 703 Pre-Requisite Change https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:969/form
4. ENGL 704 Pre-Requisite Change https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:970/form
5. ENGL 705 Pre-Requisite Change https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:971/form

Sandy Slater talked through the proposals. All five were the same in their intent. Sandy Slater suggested that we review them as a bundle. Amanda Ruth-McSwain asked if this was a joint program. The group discussed that yes, this was a joint program, and that there was a letter of support in the proposal. Lynne Ford shared that one course has been separated from this group and will come to the committee at a later date.

Amanda Ruth-McSwain made to approve the motion to approve the five courses. Kate Keeney seconded. All approved.

G. Special Education M.A.T.


Sandy Slater talked through the proposal and introduced Fran Welch. There has been a decline in attendance in this program; the current enrollment is one student who will be part of a teach-out plan. The college cannot afford to have the degree, although courses will still be available. Fran Welch commented that they will keep the certificate program and the certificate.

Robyn Olejniczak asked about certificate enrollment. Fran Welch noted that the enrollment is 0 now but that there is potential for enrollment. Robyn Olejniczak asked about the post graduate or post master’s degree certificates. Fran Welch explained the pay grade differences for those after the program. Robyn Olejniczak asked if anyone has been enrolled in the post master’s degree? Fran Welch was not sure about the enrollment.
Fran Welch talked about the need for new marketing efforts. Godfrey Gibbison talked about marketing to current teachers. He raised the question, if the program is terminated, and the certificate is popular, how difficult would the process be to reinstate the degree?

Divya commented that the special education certificates are separate certificates. With the degree termination, there will be a notification to SACSCOC once this is approved by the College.

Anthony LeClerc asked about the demand for special education – has it diminished? Fran Welch said no. Yet, the college has already gone through many options to increase enrollments. Godfrey Gibbison said that CHE sent the institution a list of programs that are not meeting productivity/enrollment numbers. Anthony LeClerc commented that perhaps the certificates are more applicable or meeting student needs more so than the M.A.T. Robyn Olejniczak asked if other schools are interesting in creating new M.A.T. programs? Fran Welch said no.

Sandy Slater asked for any more discussion. Amanda Ruth-McSwain made a motion to terminate the program. Kate Keeney seconded the motion. All approved. Fran Welch asked about next steps. Sandy Slater and Divya Bhati discussed next steps.

H. For the Good of the Order.
Content from the last two graduate education meetings will go to the next faculty senate meeting. Anthony LeClerc asked about the math proposal. Sandy Slater noted that it is a substantial proposal. Lynne Ford commented that they are working on it and that it may be available for the next meeting.

Sandy Slater asked for any other updates.

I. Adjournment.
Amanda Ruth-McSwain made a motion to dismiss. Kate Keeney seconded. All approved.

Next meeting: November 9, 2018
3:00-5:00pm
Jewish Studies Conference Room