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).

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 February 11, 2020
2. Agenda: MSC to approve agenda
3. Communications and Announcements

* Graduate Coordinator breakfast March 27, 2020, 8am-10am.
* The Ed Leadership – HEAL Chair, Dr. Susana Hernandez will come to the next meeting at 2:30
* The committee discussed the policies for going on probation and being disqualified. Marci Varela come to the meeting to clarify these policies about when students became disqualified and how they could be reinstated. Dr. Marshall noted that he never approves a disqualification which is not supported by the Department.
* The issue of how many students are enrolled in classes was discussed. Oftentimes there are more students in classes than the CSU Course Classification system would allow though faculty are pressured to add students so they will be served and to alleviate budgetary problems. Dr. Church expanded on this discussion by bringing up the minimal number of units faculty are allocated for chairing theses which almost never add up to enough for a course release and cannot be carried over into the next academic year. Dr. Marshall suggested that faculty talk to their deans and associate deans and to seek alternative solution.

1. Educational Leadership Program Review Discussion

The type of recommendation to give the Educational Leadership doctorate was discussed. A “conditional” rating was suggested. Program replies discuss several reports which need to be generated, but no timelines are provided. The curriculum seems to be good and no one seems to want to make the program less rigorous, but since there is no real data about the program, it is not possible to know if current practices work or not. This program needs to start collecting programmatic data immediately.

The question of the budget carryover was raised since those carryovers are quite large. It was noted that dissertation chairs receive good compensation, but committee members do not get any financial or load support for their work. Also, students noted that there were not many specialization classes. It seems that many more could be supported with some of the carryover monies.

Positive aspects of the program included the good completion rates of students and the fact that many students got new and better jobs right before or after they graduated. Students are also producing relevant research that is having an impact on the community.

Recruitment and enrollment projections was an ongoing concern for the financial stability of the program. This problem was complicated by the relatively large numbers of CSU staff and administrators who are matriculating through the program when they don’t have to pay fees.

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 25, 2020
2. Approval of February 18, 2020
3. Approval of agenda
4. Communications and announcements
5. Final discussion of the ED. Leadership, Ed.D.
6. Discussion of the MAT
7. Meet with representatives from Ed. Leadership, Ed.D.