Date: Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

Location: WebEx

Subject: Executive Committee (EC) of The Graduate School meeting minutes

Attendees: Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Kristin Bott, Abigail Campbell (Ex-Officio -- Secretary), Maria-Luz Fernandez, Mitchell Green, Kent Holsinger (Ex-Officio, Chair), Barbara Kream (Ex-Officio), Charles Mahoney, Betsy McCoach, Kathy Segerson (Ex-Officio), Judith Thorpe

Absent: Etan Markus, Penny Vlahos

Guests: Rachael Gabriel, Niralee Patel-Lye, Milagros Marrero-Johnson, Ann Traynor, Dorothea Anagnostopoulous

1. Call to Order at 3:02PM.

2. Presentation and vote for past meeting minutes. A motion was made to pass the minutes. The minutes were passed unanimously.

3. Announcements

4. Presented for consideration and voting – 21-DIER-44FLR4 (4+1 BS/MS Program in Marine Sciences & Oceanography). A motion was made and seconded to discuss the proposal. The proposal had been discussed at a previous meeting and sent back for further consideration to verify that this proposal is meant to be only a standard 4+1, and that the program is not interested in entrepreneurial status. The way the program was originally arranged it would not have qualified for credit sharing. The proposal was revised and reconsidered by the committee. The changed current version allows the program to have credit sharing. A motion was made to vote on the proposal. Approval passed unanimously.

5. Presented for consideration and voting – 21-PATE-01GH5J (Change Location(s) where an existing degree is offered) The proposal is to expand the TCPCG teacher education program within the MA in Curriculum and Instruction and the MA in Educational Psychology to the Stamford campus. The program was sunsettted and they are looking to bring this program back to Stamford. The NEAG school has resources to expand this program. The Dean’s Office supports the proposal and unanimous support from the faculty members. A motion was made to vote on the proposal. Approval passed unanimously.
6. Presented for consideration and voting – 21-GABR-9354TX (New Certificate in Literacy Leadership) This proposal is to help us improve tracking of enrollment and completion for students in CAEP. Since CAEP is based on 097 enrollment and completion and students usually enter via the 102, this makes tracking recruitment enrollment and completion data difficult as people enter and exit the program at different times. Having a formal certificate program will help track these students. A motion was made to vote on the proposal. The motion unanimously passed.

7. Presented for informal purposes only – 21-MARR-GPU8XN (Modify catalog language) This proposal was presented to the EC for discussion purposes, so that they would be aware of the dual degree program between UConn and Yale. A partnership with Yale Divinity School has existed since 1969. The School of Social Work is seeking to strengthen partnerships and update graduate catalog to enhance information surrounding partnership.

8. Items for Discussion – Language regarding GPA Admissions Requirements. There is some ambiguity regarding the catalog language for admissions regarding GPA requirements. New by-laws language is being proposed that would reflect the current practice and provide more detail to prospective applicants. The proposed language is as follows:

   Except in exceptional circumstances, to be considered for admission to a graduate degree or certificate program, a student’s prior coursework must meet one of the following criteria:

   (1) A cumulative GPA for their most recent degree of 3.0 or higher for the entire degree, or

   (2) If the most recent degree is an undergraduate degree:

      - A 3.0 GPA or higher for the last two years of full-time coursework, or

      - A 3.5 GPA or higher in the entire final year of coursework for the undergraduate degree, or

   (3) A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for the most recent coursework equivalent to at least one semester of full-time study taken following the completion of the most recent degree.

   The EC discussed the proposed language and expressed its support for moving forward with this.

9. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Wednesday, January 19th meeting of the Executive Committee concluded at 4:05PM. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 16th, from 3:00PM-5:00PM.