

Graduate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2024  
MEETING LOCATION: Odum Library 1480

Present: Becky da Cruz, Debra Gresham, Ann Greenfield, Dixie Haggard, Zhong (Beibei) Lin, Lenese Colson, Md Ruhul Amin, Lynn Crump, Matt Grant, Mitch Lockhart, Connie Porcaro, Keith Lee, John Lairsey, Fred Knowles, Arsaian Wares, Chris Downing, E-Ling Hsiao

Proxy: Debra Gresham for Kelly Davidson and Connie Porcaro for Michelle Ritter

Guests: Rebecca Petrella, Tyler Cospers and Darli DeVane

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Becky da Cruz at 2:00 pm.

Minutes from January 25, 2024 were approved. Connie Porcaro motioned to approve. Dixie Haggard seconded. Motion passed: 18 approved - 0 opposed – 0 abstained

**Special Item:** Written Guidelines for Zero Credit Hour Courses-Dr. da Cruz shared that the SACSCOS board of trustees revised the credit hour policy statement. Academic departments may develop and offer zero credit courses as a requirement in a degree program to engage students in innovative experiences beyond the classroom. Requests for zero credit courses must be submitted through the existing curriculum approval process.

## **College of Education and Human Services**

### **Department of LTWD**

Request for Revised Catalog Copy (catalog): Master of Education in Instructional Technology- Moving the location of the Admission Deadlines information up before concentration-specific information is presented, so that readers know that it is applied to all three concentrations of the program. Lenese Colson motioned to approve. Dixie Haggard seconded. Motion passed: 18 approved – 0 opposed – 0 abstained.

### **Department of Communication Science & Disorders**

Request for Revised Course-(catalog): Neurodevelopmental Communication Disorders-This course was developed years ago and covered many areas. At this time, CSD faculty agree that the topics covered in the course description are best introduced in this course but assessment and treatment is often covered in other courses. For example, communication challenges related to Autism is covered in courses such as CSD 5010 (Language Disorders in Young Children). With less focus on assessment and treatment aspects, introduction and study of the course topics can be completed in 2 lecture hours per week (2 credits). Chris Downey motioned to approve. Dixie Haggard seconded. Motion passed: 18 approved – 0 opposed – 0 abstained.

Request for Revised Course-(catalog): Motor Speech Disorders- CSD 5240 covers a large variety of speech disorders related to various etiologies and faculty discussed and voted to increase the credits for this course to two credits. A one credit hour course was not enough time to cover all aspects of this critical area of the field. Chris Downey motioned to approve. Dixie Haggard seconded. Motion passed: 18 approved – 0 opposed – 0 abstained.

Request for Revised Course-(catalog): Advanced Clinical Intervention-Many of the SLPD students who have recently been enrolling in the program do not have access to intervention hours due to currently being employed in administrative roles. By removing the minimum hours, this will allow students to apply their knowledge within intervention settings without hour expectations. Chris Downey motioned to approve. Dixie Haggard seconded. Motion passed: 18 approved – 0 opposed – 0 abstained.







attitudes toward substance use and mental health issues including PTSD and trauma, avoiding a "one size fits all"

- **AGS & SGA Updates-** Tyler informed the committee that the next AGS meeting will be Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and that Dr. da Cruz will be the guest speaker. He stated AGS was going to be holding officer elections in March. He also stated they had a good time at Trivia night at Wooden Nickel. He stated their team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Items from the Floor-**

Motion made to adjourn at 3:35 pm

Next AC Meeting: March 4, 2024

Next GEC Meeting: March 21, 2024

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Darli DeVane  
Administrative Coordinator

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Dr. Becky da Cruz, Associate Provost  
for Graduate Studies & Research