

Graduate Studies Committee Report to the Policy Council for 2006-2007

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Meetings: Three completed; one scheduled for the end of April

Course Proposals

Approved:

N510

K529

T515 – Approved pending clarification of course title

Not Approved (To Date):

A631 – Issues concerning course number – sent back to Toutkoushian for review

Other Submissions to Committee

Monroe County Teacher Leader Program

This program for MCCSC teachers was submitted to the GSC in order to obtain approval to refocus its mission. Committee passed it with revisions.

Revision of the Science Education Ph.D. Comprehensive Qualifying Exam

Passed with the understanding that during the transition the department will be accommodating to students.

Retired Faculty Guidelines

The committee addressed the issue of emeritus faculty and their role on dissertation committees. It was agreed that department chairs should have ultimate say since the number of faculty able to serve on these committees varies greatly by discipline. Proposal was passed and forwarded to Policy Council.

Waiver of GRE Requirement for IST Certification Students Applying for a Masters

This proposal is specific to certification students with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 moving from certification to masters. It is similar to a measure in ELPS. The measure passed and was forwarded to Policy Council

Name Change for Masters in Educational Psychology to Learning and Developmental Sciences, and Establish a Learning Sciences and Educational Psychology Tracks Within the Renamed Degree

The committee returned to the department for clarification on the various tracks since there was no indication that this is even an existing program.

Proposal for Inquiry Methodology Ph.D. Program

The committee was very appreciative of this new program and approved it pending minor changes which were made. It was forwarded to Policy Council.

Along with this new program the following New Course Requests were also approved:

Y515 Foundations of Educational Inquiry

Y521 Methodological Approaches to Educational Inquiry

Y525 Survey Research Methodology

Y600 Methodological Implications of Social & Psychological Theories

Y612 Critical Qualitative Inquiry I

Y613 Critical Qualitative Inquiry II

Y625 Latent Variables & Structural Equation Modeling

Y630 Narrative Theory and Inquiry

Y631 Discourse Theory and Analysis

Y637 Longitudinal Modeling

Y638 Multilevel Modeling

Y639 Categorical data analysis

Y660 Affinity Research Group

Y671 Knowledge, Reflection & Critique in Methodological Theory

Y672 Communicative Action Theory

Changes to Language Education Program

Approved by the committee pending a course change request for L601 and syllabus.

Other Issues

Composition of Committee

The GSC is mostly composed of C&I faculty. While the committee does not want to be overly large, better representation of departments in the future is preferable.

Committee Fatigue

Pending Items

1. A631
2. Correspondence with Galindo Regarding Committees
3. Art Education Program would like to clarify and revise procedures for taking the qualifying exam within our program area