

## Graduate Studies Council - GSC

### Minutes

2/7/24 from 1:30-2:50 pm

**Location Business 215**

Members present: Lauren Foxworth (Chair), E. Farr, D. Bowen (Vice Chair), L. Tragale, M. Ellard, A. Winfield-Summiel, T. Dieterich, J. Duan

Not present: M. Dugan

Reviewed 12/20/23 Minutes – Approved

### New Business

- a. Haley B., student representative, graduated and will no longer be on GSC; looking for a new student representative
- b. Feedback on proposal for the Post Bacc Certification in Innovation and Creativity in Education
  1. Discussion Question: Would current (under)graduate students take the courses?
    - What is the policy on credit-threshold for graduate students seeking a graduate degree program
    - Discussion on new policy on maximum of three graduate courses
    - Who is this certification envisioned for? Who is each class intended for?
      - Market analysis needed to determine the target audience beyond what is provided in the proposal.
      - Will students not planning on taking the certificate be able to enroll in the classes offered in the program?
  2. Further discussion on course timing, audience, and relation to learning goals and outcomes
    - The program itself has goals, program details, but it does not have the “critical” aspect of the curriculum proposed in the learning outcomes?
      - Suggestion: Outlining how each course will meet each learning outcome
    - Is this for current students, current teachers, both?
      - Who asked (schools, teachers, TCNJ students?)
    - Is this for a specific education concentration (elementary, secondary, special ed., etc.)?
  3. Further questions on the program
    - What are the other certificate programs (beyond certification programs) offered through TCNJ SOE?
    - What would enrollment look like; what is the cost-benefit of adding this certificate program?

4. Need SOE Dean Tabitha Dell'Angelo to clarify these concerns about this certification program
  - Clarification on the dual-appointment for staff/faculty for proposal process
  - Inform Dean DellAngelo: Needs curriculum committee approval through home department and school

#### Old Business

- a. Review of [stakeholder feedback](#) on the Graduate Student Full-time Definition Policy proposed changes.
  1. Developing final recommendation for the Graduate Student Full-time Definition Policy
    - Discussion of addressing “summer semester” in the policy
      - Changed wording from: “summer semesters” to “summer sessions”
      - Changing wording to: “9 credit-hours *across* the summer sessions”

Vote on the Graduate Student Full-time Definition Policy – Approved

#### Dean's Report:

1. Next meeting, Alan Amitzis, the Director of the MEd in Educational Leadership Instruction Program through the Regional Training Center (RTC), will discuss a proposal for four certificate programs that offer courses and certificates through RTC that will partner with TCNJ's MPS programs.

Next Meeting: March 6th (Business Building 215 for Feb-May meetings)