

Graduate Studies Subcommittee (GSS) Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2021

In attendance: A. Avramchuk; A. Mattheis; M. Cho; R. Hernandez; E. Ellis; K. Fisher; K. Franklin; M. Shahverdi

Excused: M. Ramirez

Meeting called to order at 12:24 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (10/27) will happen at the next GSS meeting.
2. Announcements:
 - M. Cho shared that the "[Laurie Lipton Drawings](#)" exhibition is on display for another week in the Silverman Fine Arts Gallery, with an Artist Walkthrough scheduled for Saturday, November 13 from 11-1pm.
 - A. Mattheis requested that in Spring 2022, the GSS discuss how thesis and project units are structured across departments.
 - A. Avramchuk noted that GSS no longer has access to review MA program modifications in Curriculog. As a result, the GSS will submit a memo to EPC explaining that GSS would like to continue to review program modifications in Curriculog. GSS members will raise an IRQ at EPC to clarify the charge and role of the GSS in graduate curriculum review.
3. Reports:

EPC Liaison Report: K. Franklin shared that at the October 27 EPC meeting, EPC members had a discussion about elevating the WGSS Program to Department status and that EPC was supportive of that elevation. At the November 3 meeting, EPC members discussed the continuing student status policy, concerns about online cheating, the feasibility of GE policy, and three first-reading items.
4. Review of Curriculum

The GSS committee discussed and approved modifications to the following programs:

 - a) Education Specialist Credential Programs (MSP: M. Cho, K. Franklin; unanimous approval)
 - b) Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Clinical Counseling (MSP: K. Franklin, E. Ellis; unanimous approval)
 - c) Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Higher Education and Career Counseling (MSP: K. Franklin, A. Mattheis; unanimous approval)
 - d) Five degree programs: Biology, MS; Special Education, PhD; History, MA; Math, MS; Music, MA (MSP: K. Franklin, A. Mattheis; unanimous approval)
 - e) Political Science MA; Committee members raised S-Factor-related concerns for this program to be discussed in a future meeting but ultimately approved it to move forward (MSP: A. Mattheis, K. Franklin; unanimous approval)

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.