

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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October 6, 2020

Members Present: M. López (Chair), K. Capehart, A. Hoskins, D. Lent, B. Sethuramasamyraja, Reva Sias, D. Walker, Theresa Taliaferro (observer)

Members Excused: J. Marshall

Guests: N/A

Chair López called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. via Zoom.

- I. Minutes: MSC to approve the minutes from 9/29/2020
- II. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda
- III. Updates/Announcements:
 - Chair López shared that we have received a program change request from the MA in Spanish, amending the means for meeting the graduate writing requirement. The committee will review the request after completing the review of the MS in Counseling.
 - Dean Marshall shared via email that the Interim President will be announced in November. The permanent President will be in place by the middle of 2021.
- IV. Preliminary discussion re: Counseling MS program review
 - Assessment data seems to be missing from the submitted materials.
 - The biggest concern seen by committee is the insufficient number of faculty, especially in SACC. The faculty to student ratio is 110:1. There is a single faculty member seemingly responsible for all administrative tasks and mentoring. There also does not appear to be any release time for these activities.
 - There does not appear to be a current search despite the significant need for faculty support. There is significant concern of the viability of the program without a search.
 - COUN 249 and CI 285 are on SOAP, but not on course website.
 - The assessment data available is that 100% of students pass the culminating exam. There is the question of whether or not these students perform as well on the national credentialing exam that, anecdotally, many of the students in the program take.

- Committee members agreed to request further/updated data from the program. Further preliminary discussion will resume on our next meeting

V. MSC to adjourn at 3:02 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Graduate Committee is scheduled for October 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes for 10/06/2020
- Approval of agenda
- Updates / Announcements
- Continuation of preliminary discussion re: Counseling MS program review
- Spanish MA – Change to Graduate Writing Requirement