Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2019
EHFA, Room 164 @ 11:45 am

Members Present:
Spadoni College of Education – Kristal Curry, Richard Costner
Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts – Amanda Brian, Tripti Pillai
Wall College of Business – Greg Krippel, Olajumoke Awe
College of Science – Scott Parker, Erin Hackett
Dean of the College of Graduate Studies & Research – Rob Young
Faculty Senate – Roi Gurka
Registrar’s Office – Dan Lawless
Library Services – Katherine Collins

Guests:
Deborah Breede, COHFA
Richard Kilroy, COHFA
Colleen McGlone, College of Science
Mark Mitchell, Wall College of Business Administration
Christian Smith, COHFA

Old Business
1. Approved: Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2019 (correction: Greg Krippel was present)

2. Update on Ad-Hoc committees:
   a. Associate Graduate Faculty proposal – The proposal from the College of Humanities and Fine Arts was withdrawn. The proposal for different levels of graduate faculty status was tied to a desire for differing graduate faculty stipend levels. The committee could not determine an equitable mechanism for distinguishing these different levels.
   b. Emergency Procedures (protocols for graduate student employees during university closure and partial closure) – Draft wording has been sent to HR allowing graduate students to work remotely during closures and to work on campus when faculty are allowed on campus.

3. Library access for Senior Citizens – The following procedure was initiated that will allow senior citizens to register for classes early and obtain library privileges under special circumstances, while remaining compliant with state law:

   “Course pre-registration by senior citizens (60 years of age and older):
   By state law, senior citizens who are legal residents of South Carolina may be eligible to attend classes on a space available basis without the payment of tuition
(excludes required fees – those must still be paid). Senior citizens who are degree-seeking students in a graduate program, therefore, would not retain their library privileges between semesters or summer sessions, which may be a hardship for students with thesis or other required project activities that transcend the normal semester dates. In such cases, a graduate program director/COORDINATOR can sign a special permission form to register a senior citizen for a class ahead of time if both of the following criteria are met:

1. Current information and reasonable expectations for the coming semester indicate that the course will not fill, such that the senior citizen would not displace the enrollment of a paying student.

2. The senior citizen is either: (1) a degree-seeking student in a program with a thesis or other required project that may require early course enrollment or access to library services outside of the normal semester dates, or (2) a degree-seeking student registering for his or her last semester of the program.

4. SAF funds for graduate students – in response to a question at the last meeting, the Provost indicated that Student Achievement Funds (SAF) are tied to undergraduate retention and are for undergraduate students only.

5. Tabled Item #43 from April meeting (EDAD 792 and EDAD 793) – approved

**New Business**

1. Consent Agenda (Form A items) – approved
2. Items #72 & #73 Specialist in Instructional Technology - approved
3. Item #390 – EDUC 627 – approved
4. Item #385 – EDUC 652 – approved with change to EDSC 685 to EDUC 685
5. Item #393 – EDSC 679 – approved
6. Item #391 – EDSC 625 – approved
7. Item #392 – EDSC 644 – approved
8. Item #44 – Master of Arts in Education – approved
9. Erin Hackett suggested that each college submit their top 2 problems being faced for discussion in future meetings.