

Graduate Programs Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 1:30PM in UCC 308

Attendance: Rebecca Harrison, Denise Overfield, Mai Naito, Sooho Lee, Lara Willox, Clay Drummond, Donna Haley, Ben Geyer, Shelley Rogers, Marie-Cécile Bertau, Jennifer Edelman, Jill Drake, Colleen Vasconcellos, Janet Genz

I. Approval of February Meeting Minutes. Approved.

II. Course/Program Additions, Modifications, Deletions

ACTION ITEMS:

A. College of Education

1. Department of Early Childhood through Secondary Education

A. Elementary Education, Ed.S.

Originator: Janet Strickland. Presented by Jennifer Edelman.

Request: Modify

Decision: Tabled

Discussion: The language for the proposed modifications stated that the requested modification is to change the program name from Master of Education in Early Childhood Education to Master of Education in Elementary Education. However, the proposal title is for the Ed.S.

2. Department of Educational Technology and Foundations

A. Instructional Technology, Media & Design, Ed.S., Concentrations in Instructional Technology, School Library Media

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Modify

Decision: Approved

Discussion: Currently the degree is titled "Media" and we would like the degree to be changed to "Instructional Technology, Media, & Design," as the inclusion of Media in the title of the degree causes confusion that this is a degree associated with Mass Communications. Their students are mainly teachers seeking either a concentration in school library media or instructional technology. Neither are captured well in the degree name of media. Instructional Technology, Media & Design is a better representation of the programs offered.

B. Instructional Technology, Media, & Design, M.Ed., Concentrations in Instructional Technology, School Library Media

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: Currently the degree is titled "Media" and we would like the degree to be changed to "Instructional Technology, Media, & Design," as the inclusion of Media in the title of the degree causes confusion that this is a degree associated with Mass Communications. Their students are mainly teachers seeking either a concentration in school library media or instructional technology. Neither are captured well in the degree name of media. Instructional Technology, Media & Design is a better representation of the programs offered.

C. Media Specialist Educator Certification Program and Instructional Technology Educator Certification Program

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: The only change is the updating of two courses on the SLM NonDegree Certification program sheet. MEDT 6461 will become MEDT 7451 and MEDT 6465 will become MEDT 7455. These two course numbers have been updated to allow them to be included in the EDS program as well as the Master's program. They are cleaning up all of the program sheets so the courses can be fully replaced with the new numbering.

D. Media Specialist Educator Certification Program and Instructional Technology Educator Certification Program

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: This change is moving from a certification program sheet that shows both SLM options and IT options to having a program sheet for only IT certification. Having multiple programs on the same program sheet is confusing to students. Having one that is clearly for IT certification students will make it easier to read.

E. Media, M.Ed., Concentrations in Instructional Technology, School Library Media

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: This proposal concerns the SLM track, and reflects ongoing changes within the Master's program, which changing from having both the IT track and the SLM track on the same program sheet, as well as updating the courses on said sheet after recent number changes and the addition of two electives. They have also updated two courses on the SLM track. Having three tracks on one program sheet was causing confusion for students, and this will provide clarity.

F. Media, M.Ed., Concentrations in Instructional Technology, School Library Media

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: This proposal concerns the IT track, and reflects ongoing changes within the Master's program, which changing from having both the IT track and the SLM track on the same program sheet, as well as updating the courses on said sheet after recent number changes and the addition of three electives, and the removal of MEDT 7465 from the elective options. They have also updated two courses on the IT track. Having three tracks on one program sheet was causing confusion for students, and this will provide clarity.

G. MEDT 7479: Digital Game-Based Learning

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Add

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: This course has been taught for several years as a special topics course, is very popular, and fills each semester it is offered. This course will become a permanent addition to their graduate media program.

H. MEDT 7480: Global Learning with Technology

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Add

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: This course has been taught as a special topics course for several years and has been a very popular elective for their graduate media students. This will allow it to become a permanent part of their program moving forward.

I. MEDT 8461: Diffusion of Innovations

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: This is a core course in the EDS IT program and is being updated to better align with current practices and ISTE / GaPSC standards.

J. MEDT 8462: Leading and Managing Instructional Technology Programs

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: This is a core course in the EDS IT program and is being updated to better align with current practices and ISTE / GaPSC standards.

K. MEDT 8463: Issues in Instructional Technology

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: This is a core course in the EDS IT program and is being updated to better align with current practices and ISTE / GaPSC standards.

L. MEDT 8465: Human Performance Improvement

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Add

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: This course will be a core course in the EDS IT program. The course objectives and activities better align to the ISTE and GaPSC standards for IT.

M. MEDT 8466: Comprehensive Exam for Ed.S. Media IT

Originator: Lara Willox. Presented by Lara Willox.

Request: Add

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: Currently students in the program are required to complete a portfolio prior to graduation. By adding a zero-credit required course for students to enroll in, they will better be able to track and grade portfolios. Students must be in their final semester of the EDS IT program to enroll.

B. College of Social Sciences

1. Department of Political Science

A. Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Community Development

Originator: Sooho Lee

Request: Modify

Decision: **Approved**

Discussion: The current program sheet of the certificate has outdated course information and needs to include newly developed courses and relevant courses. These modifications add those new courses and correct a few errors. These modifications also improve upon the application rate for the certificate and balance it with other similar certificate requirements