2.1.24 Graduate Committee Meeting

Called to order 10am

**Present**: Sean Cote, Leslie Schuster, Charles Boisvert, Paul LaCava, Anita Duneer, Jenn

Meade, Deborah Britt, Carse Ramos, Joan Walsch, Sankeerth Rampa, David Blanchette, Julie Horowitz, Natasha Feinberg **Proposals**:

SOC 592 and 593 course revision (all vote yes) Carse Ramos:

* Change prerequisites needed to join these courses which are MA thesis
* In requiring that all 4 core courses are done beforehand, BA & MA students are taking a lot longer to get through the program
* Opted instead to require 8 credits from the core courses before students are eligible to enroll.

SPED 547 New Course (Vote 9/11) Paul LaCava:

* RI’s Right to read act- targets students with complex learning needs
* Only course of its kind in RI
* 3-course sequence will meet legislation’s requirements Questions:
* In-person or hybrid?
* Listed as a hybrid course - needs approval on how to write that in (contact Carolyn)

MLED 534 Course Revision (all vote yes) Julie Horowitz:

* Proposal is to bring CGS to 12 credits and taking MLD 533 & 534 together to make them one course
* 2 courses fully online synchronous and asynchronous
* Will only meet in-person for observations
* Approval from the dean to approve 12-credit CGS from 15-credit CGS (you can get a mid-level education cert for 9 credits at URI & RW) Questions:
* How much is pedagogy and how much is content?
* MLD 533 & 534 are based on how you’re teaching the content, 535 is differentiation of that content.
* Needs 24 specific credits in content you're teaching

Health Care (all vote yes) Sankeerth Rampa:

* New concentration focusing on data analytics
* Uses 8 existing courses and 4 new courses
* Good for administrative aspect of healthcare Questions:
* Would it add credits to the program?
* 40-44 credits for master program. Not additional to the existing requirements.
* Future full-time faculty who could teach these courses.

**Other updates**:

Motion for conversation on minutes for December (all vote yes)

**Dean’s Report**, David Blanchette:

* Change in advanced degree ceremony
* GA postings are up
* Sent out a letter to grad students recently to tell them about GA jobs, scholarships, etc.
* Undergraduate enrollment for spring is a little up, grad enrollment a little down
* Internal marketing: trying to establish an image within the college. Please send info on what’s happening within departments so we can share.
* 1-pagers from communications & marketing should be arriving soon. Program directors haven’t heard from communications (where’s the content coming from??)
* Separate, large committee that has completed & will propose to CAP a new policy for withdrawals and leaves of absence that includes undergrads & grads. (external consultant doing this)
* Grad section D #10 that adds graduate committee to add to the graduate manual. Let’s table this for next meeting. - Sean
* Interested in bolstering image - relevant: new developments w/ programs- what are students accomplishing, what formats are changing, awards for students, presentations at conferences, faculty achievements, etc.

**Open Discussion:**

* When will the meeting with Carolyn be happening? Sean will send out a doodle to get everyone on the same page
* Certain things should not be part of student success for graduate students (condescending, patronizing)
* Nursing students at RINEC (off-campus). Counseling services have agreed to come to RINEC to meet with students.

**Hot tip:**

* You can put in special requests for new tech if needed (like a macbook!)
* Pam deals with Macs & is the best

Meeting adjourned at 10:52am

Minutes submitted by Lucia Perluck