Graduate Curriculum Committee

Annual Report for 2003 - 2004

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Meetings

The Graduate Curriculum Committee met 6 times this year on Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 15, Feb. 9, Mar. 15, and Apr. 19.

Accomplishments

During the first two meetings the committee devoted time to discussion of the role of the committee in approving the curriculum of every new graduate course. The majority of the committee felt that we did not micromanage but performed a useful function in reducing needless duplication of courses and efforts as well as vetting the quality of the courses. The committee wants to continue to operate as it has in the past for the first few years of the reorganized structure and then revisit the issue of individual course approval.

Another area of discussion was the inflexibility in many programs. While accreditation dictates courses in many graduate programs the committee recommends that departments try to reduce number of required courses and increase number of electives so that students have some flexibility in pursuing areas of interest to them.

The committee approved three new programs this year: a 5 year speech language pathology bachelors/masters program, a masters of science in higher education administration and an educational specialist degree in school psychology. The committee also approved the elimination of one degree- Master of Arts in Musicology.

New ground was broken in two areas this year. For the first time a specialization in an area that was not specifically part of one degree was approved. The specialization in criminal justice is expected to be of interest to students in public administration, social work and possibly other areas as well. The committee also approved, on a two-year pilot basis, making two biology courses bi-level.

Submitted by

William Calhoon, Chair

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