

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2010

Time: 12:30pm

Room: Raubinger Hall Graduate Conference Room

Present: Francis Cai, Ellen Frye, Kem Louie, Liana Fornarotto, Dorothy Feola, Susan Sabatino

Also Present: Nina Jemmott

Excused: Lynne Rogers, Djanna Hill

1. Approval of April 20, 2010 meeting minutes as distributed.
2. Nina was invited to discuss the issues related to the implementation of the doctoral and Ph.D. programs as well as the academic plan regarding establishing a School of Graduate Studies. The following is the summary of the discussion.

i Graduate School

We will continue to study the feasibility of a School of Graduate Studies since it's a part of Academic Plan. However, we should not expect any significant development until the new President takes office.

ii Doctorate in Nursing Practice and Doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision

These doctoral level programs exceed the current University Mission. Currently, there are two research comprehensive universities and 8 doctoral granting institutions with Master level universities in New Jersey. We are a master level comprehensive university. Again, we will wait for the new administration to make a move regarding the mission modification.

iii Impact of doctoral programs on the structure of teaching load

Teaching load is strictly defined in the union contract. The current contract does not distinguish the doctoral faculty from master or undergraduate faculty.

3. Discussion on the program change in the Master of Science in nursing- Addition of Family Nurse Practitioner Track
Kem on the program change proposal

The new track will add another choice of practice for our students. The new proposal has revised two courses and added two new courses. There will be no additional personnel needed.

The council voted to approve the program change proposal – Family Nurse Practitioner Track

4. Discussion on the Post masters family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program

Kem on the Certificate Program

The program is designed for professional registered nurses who have previously earned a Masters degree with a major in nursing and who now want to become certified as Family Nurse Practitioners.

The council voted to approve the Post masters family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program.

5. The council members were reminded that there will be two separate Graduate level Councils next year and encouraged to join the new Graduate Policy and Procedure Council.

Submitted by,
Francis Cai