

Middle Georgia State University
Meeting 3 of the Academic Affairs Board
October 21, 2016
10:00 am
The Education Building Room 317

Members Present: Dr. Stephen Taylor (acting Chair), Dr. Charla Baker, Dr. Victoria Guarisco, Dr. Emmie Cochran-Jackson, Mr. Dusty Lowery, Dr. Patrice Pierce, Dr. Mary Wearn, Dr. Neil Rigole, Dr. Sabrina Wengier

Guests: Dr. Darryl Thompson, Dr. Donna Ingram, Dr. Charles Matson, Dr. Kevin Cantwell, Dr. Dorothy Howell.

Order of Business:

1. Call to Order 10:00 a.m.
2. Review and Adoption of the September 16th (Meeting #2) Minutes
Corrections: spelling of Dr. Stephen Taylor's name; title corrections for: Dr. Matson, Dr. Howell, and Mr. Simmons
- a. First Dr. Baker, Second Dr. Guarisco. Approved with corrections.
3. Review of Proposals

a. From the Department of Nursing

M-PY-NURS-AA-2016-2017 (Policy Modification, MSN)

Dr. Darryl Thompson provided an overview of the policy modification. He explained that the GRE is not a good predictor for student success in nursing graduate programs. The new policy drops the GRE requirement and replaces it with a piece of scholarly writing done on site during the admission interview. Dr. Thompson cited several sister institutions that have made this policy change, including University of North Georgia and Augusta State. He also mentioned that Georgetown has also removed the GRE requirement

Board discussion: need a higher level approval? Answer: SACS has already approved the program and that such a change does not require USG approval. Students who were accepted provisionally into the program this year and who have not taken the GRE are doing well this semester and so the GRE does not seem to be necessary. Students will be told in advance what they will be writing about. Writing Center might be involved. Writing rubric that is transparent and will give credibility to the process?
Answer: it was planned and the admissions committee will evaluate the essays.

Question: are we losing qualitative value with removing the GRE since the GRE does not just assess writing. Answer: according to research, the GPA is a better indicator of future success than the GRE for graduate programs in nursing. Research shows that the GRE is a deterrent for minority and underrepresented students and thus it presents a diversity issue. GRE requirement is a local phenomenon and that in many other parts of the country it is not used.

Question: their certification exam is an indicator? Answer: it tests different things.

Question: will all graduate programs adopt such policies? Answer: each program is looking at their admissions requirements. The Master of Science in Management for instance is debating the efficacy of the GMAS so it is a widespread discussion.

First Dr. Guarisco, Second Dr. Baker. Motion Approved.

b. From Health Services Administration

i. C-HSA-03-04-AA-2016-2017 (New Course, Non-Gen Ed) Dr. Howell provided an overview for these new courses. Dr. Guarisco noted that the name of the credentialed faculty member is missing for C-HAS-04-AA-2016-2017.

First Dr. Guarisco, Second Mr. Lowery. Approved with correction.

ii. C-HSA-05-06-AA-2016-2017 (Course Deletion, Non-Gen Ed) Dr. Howell provided the reason for the deletion of these courses.

Board: effective date must be changed to Fall 2017 for C-HAS-05-AA-2016-2017. These are required courses and question of what was to replace them.

Policy change must accompany these deletions. Dr. Matson suggested to table the two proposals until the next meeting.

First Dr. Guarisco, Second Dr. Cochran-Jackson. Tabled.

iii. C-HSA-07-AA-2016-2017 (Change of Designation/Title) Dr. Howell explained that this is just a change of prefix. Dr. Wearn noted that the effective date must be changed to Fall 2017.

First Dr. Rigole, Second Dr. Baker. Approved with correction.

iv. P-HSA-01-AA-2016-2017 (Program Modification, HLSA). Dr. Wearn specified that the change is effective for Spring 2017 but that it will change in the catalog in Fall 2017.

Dr. Howell provided the overview for this program modification. She explained that it will align Area D program requirements with USG Area D requirements for such a program. She also explained that it will facilitate movement into this program from other degree programs within the sciences. Discussion by board:

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at DegreeWorks and check whether it is following the curriculum. Dr. Guarisco asked who to contact if there are mistakes. Dr. Wearn said that Jed Edge is the person to contact for any issues. She also said to be in touch with graduation advisors Kimberly Noles and Monique Walker.

iv. Dr. Wearn: The petition process that is supposed to happen for transfer courses or course substitutions has not been followed and it leads to problems in graduation audits. She explains that proper process requires chair and dean approval and not just an advisor. She explained that leaving it at the degree audit level poses a big accounting problem because there is s She said that petitions can now be filed on DegreeWorks. She also mentioned that students can currently choose to graduate with the most current catalog or the original catalog but a change in catalog must be documented.

v. Dr. Wearn: The federal government will be in the curriculum. No financial aid will be provided for courses that are not listed in a student's curriculum of study. She asked programs to review courses or electives that need permission of the chair or tha