

MINUTES
Graduate Studies Committee
February 5, 2020

Present: Professors Almodovar, DeSimone and McElligott Student Senators: Cruz and Ka

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.
- 2) The committee approved the minutes from the meeting on December 11, 2019.
- 3) The committee discussed and approved proposals from the following departments and decided to send them to the senate for final approval, pending specific revisions:

Department of Middle and High School Education

- Change in degree requirements: MA, Social Studies Education

Department of Languages and Literatures

- Change in degree requirements: MA, Spanish
- Course changes: SPA 601, 618, 619, 701
- New courses: SPA 7732, 56, 757

Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences

- Title change and new listing of existing program: MA in Teachers of Students with Speech-Language Disabilities

Office of Graduate Studies

- Updated/revised policy/procedure: *Credit Load*

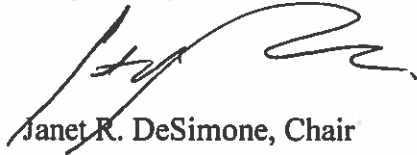
- 4) The Governance Committee asked the Graduate Studies to discuss whether or not we believe a new committee should be created to address graduate policies, procedures, etc. The committee discussed and believed that reviewing, suggesting, revising and/or developing policy changes helps inform curricular discussions and vice versa. Graduate program coordinators/advisors always are asked for input whenever there appears to be a need for a new policy or a revision that may drastically impact multiple stakeholders. Further, Director Finger, who sits on this committee, provides extremely valuable feedback on necessary revisions that best assist our students. For now, the committee does not recommend forming a separate committee strictly for policy, admissions, etc. review.
- 5) Informational Item: The committee discussed and approved unanimously (some registering votes outside of the specific meeting time) the following item:

Department of Middle and High School Education

- Change from “Certificate Program” in Human Rights and Transformative Justice to “Advanced Certificate Program” in Human Rights and Transformative Justice. The curriculum was not modified from the original, approved proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet R. DeSimone', written over a horizontal line.

Janet R. DeSimone, Chair