

Eastern New Mexico University
Graduate Council

November 12, 2020

3:30 to 4:45 pm

Online conference call via TEAMS

Council Members: Matthew Barlow (Biology), Deborah Corbin (Business), Rebecca Davis (Educational Studies), Patricia Dobson (Communication), Richard Guerra (Kinesiology), Kristin Kuhlmann (Nursing), Susan Kuzminsky (Anthropology), Bryan Moffitt (Counseling), John Montgomery (Graduate Dean), David Sweeten (English), Suzanne Swift (Communicative Disorders), Mark Viner (Curriculum and Instruction), and Juchao Yan (Chemistry)

Call to order: Dr. Mark Viner called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Present: Dr. Corbin, Dr. Davis, Dr. Dobson, Dr. Kuhlmann, Dr. Kuzminsky, Dr. Moffitt, Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Sweeten, Dr. Swift, Dr. Viner, and Dr. Yan

Absent: Dr. Barlow, Dr. Guerra

Guest: Dr. Penny Garcia

Approval of Council Meeting Agenda: Dr. Yan moved approval of the November 13, 2020 agenda, seconded by Dr. Sweeten. Motion to approve carried unanimously (10-0)

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: Dr. Corbin moved to approve the minutes from October 22, 2020, seconded by Dr. Davis. Motion to approve carried (9-0, with Dr. Kuhlmann abstaining as she was not present at meeting.)

Announcements/Information:

Dr. Penny Garcia presented information on the following three topics.

1. The College of Education's mentoring program pairing senior faculty with new/junior faculty beyond the Faculty Investment Program year. This will be for the second and third years of a junior faculty member's tenure-track with the goal of encouraging the faculty member's research agenda and college service. All departments are encouraged to extend the mentorship to faculty in their areas.
2. The College plans to add verbiage to the FEC letter documenting the pandemic's impact on Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 semesters in regards to class format and student evaluations.
3. There will be a proposal presented to the VPAAA Dr. Laurenz to extend the tenure clock by a year for junior faculty to "level the playing field" for obtaining tenure due to the impacts of the pandemic. She stated that this is a common discussion throughout the country at this time.

Dates for the Remainder of the Fall 2020 semester by Dr. Montgomery:

Graduation application deadline was October 31st--students must apply right away if they still wish to graduate this semester.

Reading copy of thesis—deadline was November 5th, all have met this deadline.

Thanksgiving break—Wednesday, November 25th through Sunday, November 29th
Final Thesis copy—due by November 30th
Finals week—December 7-11th
Virtual Graduation—live streaming on December 12th

Old Business: Continued review of Graduate Catalog, pages 11-18 reviewed for updates in the Program Academic Procedures and Regulations section.

Recruitment, Retention, Completion: 47 graduate admission applications were received for the week of November 2-6, with 26 decision letters emailed (25 admits, 1 denial). Anticipate these numbers to continue increasing in the upcoming weeks.

New Business:

Reymon Arias (presented by Dr. Mark Viner)—Appeal for the six-year time limit on courses ELED 511 and RED 518 completed in 2014. Reymon has one course to complete in the Spring 2021 semester, with comprehensive exams to follow—plan to graduate in Summer 2021 if extension allowed.

*This appeal has been approved to extend the six-year time limit for these two courses. (10-0 vote to approve)

The following schedule for program catalog changes presentation to Graduate Council has been given by Dr. Montgomery for the Spring 2021 meetings:

January 14, 2021	CLAS, English
January 28, 2021	CLAS, Chemistry; CLAS Biology
February 11, 2021	CFA, Communication; CET Counseling
February 25, 2021	CET, Curriculum and Instruction
March 11, 2021	CLAS Anthropology; CET Kinesiology
March 25, 2021	CET, Educational Studies; CLAS Nursing
April 8, 2021	CLAS, Communication Disorders
April 22, 2021	COB, MBA
May 13, 2021	In reserve

As May Arise:

Next Council Meeting is December 10th at 3:30pm via TEAMS.

Will review Tuition & Fees, Financial Aid, Student Services & Facilities, and The Graduate School at ENMU (Graduate Catalog pages 19-26) at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.