

MINUTES
Graduate Studies Committee
November 4, 2020

Present: Director Finger; Dean Mills; Professors DeSimone, Mazza, McElligott, Samuel and Seiger; Student Reps Babalola and Donkor
Guest: Registrar Yvette Rosario

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.
- 2) The committee approved the minutes from the meeting on September 9, 2020.
- 3) The committee was happy to welcome two new student members: Victoria Babalola and Beatrice Donkor.
- 4) 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 Health Sciences

- Addition of distance education format: Health Education, MEd Program
- Addition of distance education formats: Health Education, Advanced Certificate Program
- Change in degree requirements: Recreation Education, MEd Program

Department of Counseling, Leadership, Literacy and Special Education

- Course change: EDS 790

Department of Middle and High School Education

- Course changes: ESC 595, ESC 596, ESC 611, ESC 612
- Change in degree requirements: Social Studies, MA Program

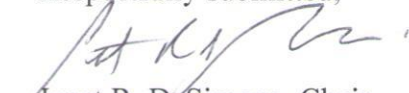
- 5) The committee discussed a one-credit experimental course (LAC 721) submitted by the Department of Latin American and Latino Studies and thought it would be offered better as an undergraduate course. Most graduate programs already incorporate the content of the proposed course and most programs do not have one-credit electives to apply this course. While the committee applauds the studies members voted unanimously not to approve this experimental course. Prof. DeSimone will reach out to the department to notify them and offer support if the department has questions, etc.
- 6) The committee also discussed the issue of potentially having to apply to Middle States for approval to offer all programs via distance learning for spring and summer 2021, since the US Department of Education has not extended approval

yet. Graduate Studies voted unanimously to support the presentation of the following resolution at the December 2020 senate meeting:

Be it resolved that the Lehman College Senate endorses the College Chairs' resolution regarding the temporary registration of our schools' programs as online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet R. DeSimone, Chair