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**GPAC/MSED Joint Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

April 16, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. | Cheek 174

I. Call to order

Sarah Nixon called to order the meeting of the GPAC/MSED Joint Committee at 1:00 p.m. on April 16, 2018.

Present: Ching-Wen Chang, Karen Engler, Cathie English, Andrew Homburg, Kayla Lewis, Robert Maddox, Sarah Nixon, Gay Ragan, Emmett Sawyer, Steve Willis, Brittany Wittenberg

II. Approval of minutes

March 26, 2018 minutes approved with following corrections:

- a. III.A.a.vi: There is concern that we may lose students that decide not to pursue MSED and complete an MA only.
- b. Clarification that Taskstream was purchased by Watermark.

III. Old Business

A. Disposition Assessments

- a. Dr. Emmett Sawyer spoke to the Committee about the purchase of a dispositions assessment developed by the University of Tampa.
 - i. Dean Hough is purchasing a one year subscription of the dispositions assessment. A final copy should be available next week.
 - ii. Dean Hough said validity and reliability has been verified for the University of Tampa dispositions and CAEP approves.
 - iii. There will be a consultant on Taskstream at the April 27 CIS session. The session is for two hours from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Strong 408. A CAEP consultant will be in attendance to present data and how we can use Taskstream. Dr. Sawyer encouraged everyone that can to attend.
 - iv. Dean Hough has emphasized that there is no pressure to use the University of Tampa dispositions software. It is strictly voluntary. Contact Dean Hough if you would like to participate. CEFS is using it.
 - v. It doesn't appear that this assessment shows up in Taskstream unless you request it. Travis Marler would need to be notified for each program that wants to use it. Dr. Sawyer will contact Travis Marler to email the information.
 - vi. Our old dispositions assessment will be more difficult to present in the accreditation process in that we will have to demonstrate reliability and validity. The University of Tampa assessment has already been tested. It can also be used for BSED and MSED.
 - vii. The cost is \$3200.00 but it is not clear if that is annual.
 - viii. A question of duplication of data and having it split was brought up. Dr. Sawyer will take this back to the Dean.

- ix. The instrument needs to be reviewed and it must go through the governance process before it can be administered unit-wide.
- x. Dr. Willis would like MSU to focus on the students in their programs and not focus on assessments based on external influences.
- xi. Dr. Sawyer will find out the answers to the committee's questions and send an email to Dr. Wittenberg and Dr. Nixon.
- xii. Dr. Wittenberg will contact Travis Marler about viewing the Tampa dispositions. Once Dean Hough approves, she will distribute it to the committee.
- xiii. The committee expressed concern that a governance process was not followed before a decision was made to purchase the dispositions assessment.
 - 1. Does this mean faculty must complete two dispositional assessments?
 - 2. What happens if we use the University of Tampa dispositions assessment and after the one year trial decide not to use it again?
 - 3. Even if the instrument is not being used unit-wide, it demonstrates that we are actively involved in a culture of assessment.
- xiv. The new disposition assessment will probably be piloted in the fall.
- xv. This will be on the May agenda which is the last meeting of this school year.
- xvi. Budgeting is an issue considering state cuts to higher education.
 - 1. Students should absolutely not be paying for this instrument in addition to Taskstream. It has been stated that students will not pay for this assessment.
 - 2. If this benefits students and the program than we should use it. But if budgeting becomes an issue; where will the money come from?

B. Experiential Log

- a. Dr. Homburg will have a recommendation for the May meeting.
 - i. A subcommittee (Drs. Homburg, Maddox, and Wittenberg) will meet on Friday, May 3, to pull a recommendation together. The next GPAC/MSEd Joint Committee meeting is May 14.
 - ii. Some definitions may need to be revised considering not all graduate students are in the classroom. Maybe clinicals could be used.
 - iii. The form needs to have selections of "optional" or "not applicable."
 - iv. Dr. Nixon will provide Dr. Homburg ideas for revising the Experiential Log for graduate students not in the classroom.

IV. New Business

- A. A Doodle Poll will go out to the committee in May to determine meeting dates for 18-19.
- B. The May 14 meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment

Sarah Nixon adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Vicki Kramer