MINUTES
GRADUATE BOARD
November 28, 2016

PRESENT: M. Deibis, M. Finney, V. Lotfi (Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs), B. Maki, M. Mani, A. Ojelabi (Student), S. Selig, S. Turner

ABSENT: C. Creech (conference), T. Hemphill, K Schilling

1. Minutes from November 14, 2016 were approved with no changes.

2. Proposal for Master of Arts in Inclusive Education
   - M. Finney introduced the proposal to the Board for a preliminary discussion.
   - The School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) seeks approval to offer a Master of Arts in Inclusive Education program. It is a 30 credit part-time cohorted program offered completely online.
   - The program would be marketed to P-12 teachers who already have a teaching certificate or to professionals who have experience working in early childhood education settings with a bachelor’s degree. The focus of the proposed program is to educate students on how to meet the needs of P-12 students with all disabilities and diverse learners in the general education classroom with a heavy emphasis on application.
   - Needs assessment data was included and reviewed by the Board, along with a discussion regarding the uniqueness of the program compared to others in the state and nation.
   - Admission requirements were discussed as the potential student is not required to have a teaching certificate. They must have a bachelor’s degree, meet minimum GPA requirements and have access to an early childhood or P-12 classroom.
   - The budget data was not submitted and will still need to be reviewed by the Board.
   - The Board discussed the target number of students in each cohort and the potential burden on faculty for the capstone project component.
   - The SEHS believes that this new program is consistent with the missions of both the School and University.
   - Some additional questions and suggestions were discussed, along with various strengths and potential challenges of this new program. These will be presented to the author of the proposal, and she will be invited to attend the next meeting to provide the Board with additional information.
   - The Board did not take further action on the proposal at this time.

3. Matters Arising
   - There were no matters arising.

Next meeting: 12/14/16 @ 2:00pm in the Graduate Programs Conference Room