

**MINUTES OF
GRADUATE COLLEGE COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA**

February 1, 2018

The meeting was convened by Chair Gabriela Olivares via email on January 26, 2018

I. Introduction

GCCC Chair Olivares sent an email message to the committee. Dr. Olivares explained that the CHAS Senate had already approved the suspension of the Doctoral Program in Industrial Technology (DIT) and that now the committee had been asked to review the information and make a decision.

II. Procedures

Chair Olivares asked the committee to review two documents: Reduction of Admissions or Suspension of Major and Board of Regents Form J for Program Suspension.

Summary of request: The Department of Technology requested to suspend the DIT program in order to review the program and the curriculum, explore collaboration efforts with the School of Education, evaluate the market and marketing options, and determine online options as a mode of delivery.

Justification: The Academic Program Reviews for the years 2001 and 2009 expressed that the program needed careful consideration. In 2001, the reviewers stated: "There are substantial challenges related to quality. Difficulty to maintain sufficient enrollment... especially apparent in the research and statistics coursework where it is apparent that there is no specific doctoral coursework. It appears the coursework should be reviewed to determine the outcomes are all well written and appropriate to the mission of the program. Closer connections and collaboration could enrich both the unit and the university." In 2009, the reviewers expressed that there was little change from the last review and that an SOA plan needed to be implemented in conjunction with updating core curriculum. Also, equipment needed to be updated to meet modern industry standards and provide 21 Century skills for all students.

During the evaluation of these documents, two GCCC committee members were concerned that students on RC status would be advised by adjunct faculty. Chair Olivares obtained clarification from the department and confirmed that each student had an appointed full-time faculty member.

The committee members expressed their support to approve this suspension. Motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting discussions were completed on January 29, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Dean Patrick Pease
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