

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Agenda**  
**Thursday, March 26, 2009**  
**3:30 p.m., Alderman 215**

**I. Approval of minutes of February 26, 2009**

**II. New Business**

**A. Policy and Planning Committee**  
**International Student admission policy approval**

**B. Program and Curriculum Committee**

The curriculum committee met virtually to discuss the 3 curriculum proposals before us. We approved all 3 proposals. They are:

1. A new course in Environmental Studies, EVS 577 Environmental Site assessment. The course description looks good, as does the accompanying course syllabus. Under course description, second sentence should begin with capitalized "e."
2. The deletion of SPN 598 Internship from the M.A. in Spanish, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. The course doesn't change a degree requirement, having been removed from a list of electives for the MA and Certificate in Hispanic Studies. It should be removed from the MALS degree and M.Ed. too. We approved this proposed change.
3. IMBA curriculum proposal is to increase the program hours from 30 to 36 by requiring students to take 6 hours of IMB 594, the capstone course. This change would match UNCW's program with European partner schools. This change is recommended by the SACS review team, indicating that UNCW needed to formalize the equivalency with the partners in the international MBA program. We approved this change.

**III. Old Business**

**Proposed addition to Graduation/Retention Policy:**

**RETENTION POLICY**

Three grades of C, one grade of F, or one grade of U (e.g. thesis/dissertation) results in dismissal from the graduate program. Further, if a student falls below a 3.0 GPA at any time, he or she goes on academic probation and has either three subsequent courses or nine hours to bring the GPA up to at least a 3.0. In addition, a student must have at least a 3.0 GPA in order to begin any program specific comprehensive examination and/or thesis work.

**RETENTION BY APPEAL**

Students who have been dismissed from the graduate program and readmitted by special action of the Graduate School shall have their subsequent retention policy determined individually by the dean. **In cases where a student is readmitted by such special action, the grades of C, F or U that existed at the time of readmission will not be grounds for ineligibility for graduation as defined in the policy on GRADUATION below.**

**GRADUATION**

A student must have no less than a 3.0 GPA for all graduate-level courses. Three grades of C, one grade of F, or one grade of U (e.g. thesis/dissertation) results in ineligibility for graduation. Grades of A,B,C,F,S,U and W are permanent grades and can be changed only by the instructor with the approval of the appropriate dean in cases of arithmetical or clerical error or as a result of protest of grade.

**Two Graduate Research Faculty exceptions: Steve Ross and Wilson Freshwater**

**Other**

**IV. Adjournment**

**Graduate Council Meetings for 2008-2009**  
**March 26, 2009, 3:30 p.m., Alderman 215**  
**April 23, 2009, 4:30 p.m., Westside Hall Conference Room**