

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 23, 2015**  
**3:30 pm, DePaolo Hall Conference Room**

Council members attending: Drs. Almeida, Feng, Kinsey, Kuiper, Moallem, Schlichting, Sweeney and Wray (sub for Janicki). Also attending: David Webster, Ann Stapleton, Jeff Brudney, Jack Kelly, Wanda Underwood, David Childers and Nancy Holland. Dean Vetter presided.

**I. Approval of minutes of March, 2015 minutes, approved**

**II. Announcements**

**Graduate Faculty Update: The following faculty have been approved since the last Graduate Council meeting.**

**Graduate Research Faculty – Steve Ross, five year appointment**

**III. Old Business**

- **Proposed policy change - “Up to six credit hours of S/U may be applied to any degree program.”**

New language to approve (in yellow below) based on feedback from the last council meeting:

**Graduate Grading**

The University of North Carolina Wilmington uses the quality point system and semester hour credit for calculating student achievement. Plus (+) or minus (-) grades may be awarded at the discretion of the faculty. Only courses approved by the Graduate Council will be eligible for S/U or P/F grading. Up to six credit hours of S/U may be applied to any degree program; however, doctoral programs may exceed this limit with dissertation and research hours. Programs may request additional allowances through the normal curriculum process, approved.

**IV. New Business**

- **Proposal to Waive MPA Elective Credits for CPM Program Participants – Tom Barth/Jeff Brudney, approved.**

**Approved Electives (6 credit hours)**

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Students generally have to complete an additional 6 credits in order to fulfill their degree requirements. Students have the following options: take additional classes offered as applied skill-based electives; take classes offered as concentration classes; take classes listed as electives below; take approved electives offered by other departments or universities.

Students who complete the Certified Public Manager program may request a waiver of six hours of general electives. Requests for this waiver must be made in writing and approved by the MPA Director.

Students should consult with their advisor and the MPA coordinator when planning their program of study and selecting their electives.

- **Ann Stapleton provided and overview on the proposed Applied Data Analytics program**
- **Graduate School course repeat policy: discussed what course repeat limits should be on repeatable courses and discussed whether they are Graduate School governed or department/program governed. Graduate School will investigate how to set the system up to enforce the limits and programs will be contacted to the information on program level requirements.**

**V. Other**

**Ron provided an overview of the status of the following programs under review at UNCGA:**

**MFA in Filmmaking**

**PhD Applied & Experimental Psychological Sciences**

**PhD Coastal Marine, Policy and Health**

**DNP Nursing Practice**

**VI. Adjournment 5:00**