

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes
Thursday, January 29, 2015
3:30 pm, DePaolo Hall Conference Room

Council members attending: Drs. Almeida, Barth, Ciner, Fain, Feng, Harris, Kuiper, Moallem, Pilgrim, Schlichting and Sweeney. Also attending, Jack Kelly, Carol McNulty, John Tyrell, Bill Kerler, Tom Porter, David Childers, Wanda Underwood and Nancy Holland. Dean Vetter presided.

I. Approval of minutes of December 11, 2014, approved

II. Announcements

Council representation changes for spring, 2015

RuthAnne Kuiper will replace Julie Taylor
Manny Harris will substitute for Amanda Boomershine

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

College of Arts & Sciences

Creative Writing – May-lee Chai, three year appointment
Environmental Studies – John Taggart, five year appointment
Foreign Languages & Literatures – John Stevens, five year appointment
Graduate Liberal Studies – Gena McKinley, special three year appointment
Sociology & Criminology – John Rice, special three year appointment

College of Health and Human Services

School of Nursing – Rebecca Crawford, three year appointment, James Lyon, five year appointment,
Paula Reid, five year appointment

Internship Agency Approval: The following internship agencies have been approved.

- NC Coastal Federation, Wilmington, NC
- Fit for Fun Center – City of Wilmington
- SSA Cooper, Wilmington, NC

III. New Business

- Policy & Planning Committee

- a) Proposed changes to the Grade Appeal Process were discussed. The primary issue is whether students should be able to continue to enroll while a grade appeal is pending. The current policy does not address this issue. After considerable discussion, a council vote resulted in a tie (half supporting continued enrollment and half not).

A possible solution is for policy to state that students will not be allowed to enroll while a grade appeal is in progress, but allow the dean to make exceptions based on unusual circumstances – will vote on this at February meeting.

- b) The committee recommended a change in the maximum number of transfer credits that might be transferred into UNCW. The change increases transfer credit to 12 hours, not to exceed 1/3 of the total hours required for any program. All transfer credit must still be recommended by the department/program and individual programs may impose lower limits. The change was unanimously approved.
- c) The committee discussed how to deal with continuing education credits and recommended that the council be open to allow programs to submit proposals which would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Approved by council vote.

- **Proposed Policy Change: # of undergraduate C grades a graduate student may receive**

John Tyrell and Bill Kerler presented a proposal to allow C grades in undergraduate courses and have them count towards the three C grades maximum in current policy.

Current 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.

A graduate student who is required to take undergraduate courses, whether as a requisite for admission or for other reasons, or who takes such courses in the field of his or her graduate major, must make grades of at least B on all such courses in order to maintain eligibility as a graduate student.

There was general support for the proposal, however, a suggestion to simply state that a student must maintain an overall 3.0 GPA would be easier to enforce. The Graduate School will research what other UNC campuses do in this regard.

Move to February agenda for additional discussion.

- **Graduate Faculty Committee – Update on graduate faculty criteria reviews; move to February agenda**
- **Graduate Grading Discussion: “Up to six credit hours of S/U may be applied to any degree program.” – some programs want to allow more hours; move to February agenda**
- **Predatory Publishing Discussion: move to February agenda**

IV. Old Business

V. Other

VI. Adjournment, 5:10