GRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes
Thursday, August 26, 2021

Council members attending: Drs. Sackley, Shefsiek, McClure, Carroll, Williard, Lee, Scott-Pollock, McClure; Mr. Silva, Ms. Post, Ms. Barreto

Non-voting members attending: Nivine Richie, Angela Housand

Graduate School staff attending: Linda Byrnes

Dean Finelli presided.

1. Announcements
   a. Introductions
      After introductions, Dean Finelli read Land Acknowledgement for UNCW acknowledging UNCW is located on the traditional territory of the Catawba people.
      Dean Finelli also read Statement from the Dean of the Graduate School regarding community responsibility expectations for safety, i.e., masks, social distancing, vaccinations, and noted that an email is coming out from the Administration regarding flexibility in teaching
   b. Graduate School Update
      i. Staff and responsibilities -- organization chart reviewed, and shared email addresses shown for each area
      ii. AA Reorganization – review of goals of the Organizational Alignment Project and impacts on Graduate School (transitional year); 2 units now included with GS: Office of Continuing and Professional Education and OLLI
      iii. Vacant positions – review of 2 positions open: Executive Assistant and Special Assistant to the Dean
      Review of Programs and Enrollment numbers
   c. Critical dates for the year
      i. Grad Council Meetings – dates outlined
      ii. Curriculum Review – dates for launching, submitting and department review of proposals

2. Old Business
   a. Recap of 2020-2021
      i. New programs and program revisions – only 5 can be at the UNC System Office for review at one time
      ii. Policy changes – updated retention policy, withdraw policy and revised maximum credit hour policy
3. **New Business**
   a. **Upcoming curriculum proposals**
      i. **EVS name and CIP code change**
      ii. **Psychology change from MA to MS**
         Council agreed to have representatives from these departments come to a meeting to discuss the details
   b. **Graduate Council 2021-2022 priorities discussion**
      i. **New Graduate Council membership proposal**
      ii. **Member priorities?**
         • Can we allow co-mingling between OAP and RTI programs at the course level, if not the program level?
         • What is the purview of the Council in curriculum review?
         • What policies related to OAP need to be included in catalogue? Maybe check in with people in IMC and CHHS.
         • Student retention policy - students receiving 3 C’s or an F and being dismissed – should we allow flexibility so students are not dismissed from the program automatically?
   c. **Double counting courses between two programs?** This will be passed on to the Policy Committee for review
   d. **A note on language for curriculum proposals**
      i. Combined vs. dual programs; trying to standardize the meaning of “combined” and “dual” as delineated by Andy Mauk

4. **V. Other**

5. **VI.** Adjourned at 5:50 p.m.