

**The Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC)**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 19, 2012

**Regular Members Present:**

Jim Decker (Chair)  
Bob Thompson (Vice-Chair)  
Carol Brown  
Amy Carr-Richardson  
Will Forsythe  
Rich Franklin  
Linda Mayne  
Ravi Paul

**Regular Members Excused:**

Hamid Fonooni

**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Linner Griffin and Meaghan Johnson

**Ex-Officio Members Absent/Excused:**

None

**Academic Program Planning and Development:**

Kimberly Nicholson

**Guests:**

Center for Sustainable Tourism: David Edgell, Carol Kline, and Pat Long

**Actions of Committee:**

**I. Call to Order**

**1. Report on Graduate Council (GC) Actions**

There have been no GC actions since the last GCC meeting.

**2. The 09-05-12 GCC minutes were approved electronically and forwarded to the Graduate Council for agenda placement.**

This set of minutes has been placed on the 09-24-12 GC agenda.

**3. GCC Membership - added**

The committee is still looking for a committee member and resource person nomination/appointment from the College of Allied Health Sciences.

**II. Center for Sustainable Tourism**

**Proposal of New Courses: SUTO 6600, 6610, 6700, 6710, 6900**

Approved as amended

- (1.) Complete #11 affected degrees or academic programs, other than your own, to include N/A for changes in degree hours (SUTO 6600, 6610)

- (2.) Revise #16b objectives (SUTO 6600, 6610, 6700)
- (3.) Revise #16c course topic outline (SUTO 6710, 6900)
- (4.) Revise #16d assignment and grading so that one section is point-based while the other is percentage-based (SUTO 6700, 6710, 6900)

### **Editorial Revision of Program Text: MS in Sustainable Tourism**

Approved as amended

### **Revision of Existing Degree: MS in Sustainable Tourism**

Approved as amended

## **III. Brody School of Medicine, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine**

### **Deletion of Existing Courses: PATH 6840, 6841, 6842, 6843**

Approved

## **IV. Old Business**

- 1. Update on Graduate Council recommendations regarding the plus/minus grading scale**  
The GC was polled regarding their position of for/against. The GC ad hoc committee report regarding the plus/minus grading system is an item on the September 24, 2012 GC agenda. No action was taken by the GCC.
- 2. Update on implementation of initial catalog cleanup utilizing the *Active Courses Not Offered in 10 years Action Plan***  
Dean Gemperline sent a call out to the deans, department chairs and graduate directors on September 11, 2012. All requests to preserve courses on the list of courses not offered in 10 years must be submitted to the GCC mailbox by close of business Monday, October 1, 2012. Courses that have not been identified by units for retention will be deleted at the direction of the GCC and GC by the Office of Academic Program Planning and Development. Dr. Decker will contact Dean Gemperline for clarification regarding the call memorandum.
- 3. Academic Program Development Workshop, September 7, 2012**  
The event was a great success with over 40 people in attendance. There were two breakout sessions available at the workshop. The first breakout session was *Initiating Collaborative Discussions with Other Institutions of Higher Education*, presented by Dee Baldwin and Sylvia Brown. The second breakout session was *Developing a Contingency-Ready Budget*, presented by Bob Thompson and Rick Ericson. Evaluation results revealed that faculty were very happy with the information that was provided. Special thanks to committee members who attended and to Bob Thompson and Linner Griffin for their role as presenters.
- 4. Reminder of Curriculum Development Workshop, September 14, 2012**  
The event was a great success with over 40 people in attendance. There were multiple breakout sessions available at the workshop covering topics such as *Undergraduate Curriculum Overview*, *Graduate Curriculum Overview*, *Minors*, *Certificates*, *Impact of New Program Development Process on Curricula*, and *How to Create Marked Catalog Copy*. Evaluation results revealed that faculty were very happy with the information that was provided. Special

thanks to committee members Carol Brown, Hamid Fonooni, Bob Thompson, Jim Decker, and Linner Griffin for their assistance in facilitating the breakout sessions at this event.

**5. Reminder of Request for Inclusion Workshop, September 21, 2012**

The event will take place in room 2305 of the College of Allied Health Sciences Building. Between 17 and 25 degree planners are expected to attend.

**IX. New Business**

None

## Marked Catalog Copy:

### III. Center for Sustainable Tourism

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/grcat/Sustainable-Tourism.cfm>

## Center for Sustainable Tourism

*Patrick T. Long, Director, RW-208A Rivers Building*

The Center for Sustainable Tourism emphasizes analyses of tourism's net impact on economic, natural, and social issues to quantify such impacts, ascertain potential tradeoffs, and identify synergy among these dimensions of sustainable tourism. While many opportunities exist to promote economic, environmental, and social objectives simultaneously, it is also often necessary to make choices between them, especially in the short term. As planning horizons lengthen, protecting and enhancing the environment and socio-cultural objectives become more important in sustaining economic growth. Over time these three dimensions of sustainability, often referred to as the "Triple Bottom Line," reinforce each other by creating long-term approaches that simultaneously promote better jobs, higher profits, better natural environments, and stronger social/cultural dimensions.

### MS in Sustainable Tourism

~~*Bob Edwards, Associate Director for Academic Programs, RW-214 Rivers Building*~~

*Patrick T. Long, Interim Graduate Program Director, RW-208A Rivers Building*

The MS in sustainable tourism is managed by the Center for Sustainable Tourism with oversight from an interdisciplinary faculty advisory committee. The sustainable tourism degree is designed for individuals interested in the tourism profession with a focus on sustainability as it applies to economic success, social and cultural vitality, environmental conservation, and long term health. The MS in sustainable tourism prepares students for managerial or regulatory positions in the profession and for relevant PhD programs.

The degree program requires a minimum of ~~33~~ 34 (thesis) to ~~36~~ 37 (non-thesis) semester hours. These include courses in the common core made up of required courses, research methods, and directed electives. Directed electives are chosen, in consultation with the student's advisor, from a range of disciplines which provide exposure to the examination of economic, social and environmental issues from a variety of perspectives. The listing of directed electives can be obtained from the director of the program. Students selecting the non-thesis option complete electives including at least three credits of independent study or directed research under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Other electives should be carefully chosen to enhance professional success within an area of the industry.

#### Common Core

Required SUTO 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6700 - ~~42~~ 13 s.h.

Research Methods - 6 s.h.

~~Choose a minimum of 6 s.h. (CRM 6200, ECON 6301, GEOG 6150, SOCI 6212, SOCI 6213, MATH 5031, PSYC 6430, OMGT 6123, RCLS 6110, PLAN 6301)~~

Choose a minimum of 6 s.h. (CRM 6200, ECON 6301, GEOG 6150, OMGT 6123, PLAN 6301, PSYC 6430, RCLS 6110, RCLS 6300, SOCI 6212, SOCI 6213, SOCI 6488, SOCI 6500)

#### Directed Electives - 9 s.h.

Choose a minimum of 9 s.h. electives from approved listing of courses.

Thesis Option

SUTO 7000 - 6 s.h.

Non-thesis Option

Independent study, research, internship - 3 s.h.

Complete directed study, research, internship under faculty mentor.

Electives - 6 s.h.

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/grcat/CoursesSUTO.cfm>

## **SUTO: SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**

**6000. Principles of Tourism and Sustainability (3)** Theories of tourism and sustainable tourism; local and global applications of sustainable tourism practices.

**6100. Environmental Systems and Sustainability (3)** Integration of environmental science in sustainability and tourism; emphasis on environmental systems, impacts, and tourism; causes and consequences of environmental change.

**6200. Development and Management of Sustainable Tourism (3)** -P: Admission to the Graduate Program or consent of instructor. Socially and environmentally responsible business practices in sustainable tourism.

**6300. Policy and Planning for Sustainable Tourism (3)** P: Admission to the Graduate Program or consent of instructor. Public policy issues and planning; strategies crucial to sustainable tourism.

**6400. Sustainable Tourism Internship (3)** P: SUTO 6000 or consent of Graduate Program Director. Application of advanced sustainable concepts within a community or industrial setting.

**6600. Study Abroad in International Sustainable Tourism and Management (3)** P: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 s.h. Sustainable management of natural and cultural resources in international settings.

**6610. Sustainable Tourism Field Studies in Regional and National Settings (1, 2, 3)** P: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 s.h. Sustainable tourism principles and practices in regional and national settings.

**6700. Research Seminar in Sustainable Tourism (1)** P: Consent of the Graduate Program Director. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 s.h. Review and critique of current research, methods, theory, best practices and/or applied projects.

**6710. Special Topics in Sustainable Tourism (1, 2, 3)** P: Graduate standing. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 s.h. New or advanced topics in an area of specialization within sustainable tourism.

**6900. Independent Study in Sustainable Tourism (1, 2, 3)** P: Consent of Graduate Program Director. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 s.h. Analysis of specific problems and issues in sustainable tourism.

**7000. Thesis (3)** May be repeated. May count a maximum of 6 s.h.

### III. Brody School of Medicine

#### Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/grcat1213Fixed/coursesPATH.cfm>

#### PATH: Pathology

~~6840. Clinical Practicum in Pathology Assistant Studies I (2)~~

~~Introduction to pathology assistant duties, including observation and supervised prosection of surgical and autopsy specimens, clinical anatomy, dictation, and specimen photography.~~

~~6841. Clinical Practicum in Pathology Assistant Studies II (2)~~

~~P: PATH 6840. Supervised prosection of basic and intermediate complexity surgical and autopsy specimens, dictation, specimen photography, and clinical anatomy.~~

~~6842. Clinical Practicum in Pathology Assistant Studies III (2)~~

~~P: PATH 6841. Supervised prosection of basic and intermediate complexity surgical and autopsy specimens, dictation, specimen photography, and clinical anatomy, and introduction to examination of highly complex specimens.~~

~~6843. Clinical Practicum in Pathology Assistant Studies IV (2)~~

~~P: PATH 6842. Supervised prosection of basic, intermediate, and highly complex surgical and autopsy specimens, dictation, specimen photography, and clinical anatomy.~~

7430. Cytometric Technologies (3) Same as PATH 7430

Principles, instrumentation and methodologies of cytometry, with emphasis on flow cytometry and confocal microscopy.

8800. Principles of Pathology (4)

P: Consent of course director. Cell injury, cell death, acute inflammation, chronic inflammation, regeneration and repair, pigments and mineralization, thrombosis and infarction, teratogenesis and oncogenesis, etiogenesis of cancer, genetic disease, auto immune disease, bacterial disease, and nutritional disease.

8801. Systemic Pathology (8)

P: PATH 8800; consent of course director. Cardiovascular system, hematopathology, respiratory system, gastrointestinal system, including liver and pancreas, kidney, reproductive pathology, endocrinology, nervous system, skin and musculoskeletal system.

8805. Contemporary Pathobiology (2) May be repeated.

P/C: PATH 8800; consent of instructor. Disease processes from ultrastructural, developmental, immunological, cellular, and molecular points of view. Illustrative examples of experimental models and molecular aspects of disease processes.

8815. Seminar in Pathology (1)

May be repeated. May count a maximum of 6 s.h. P: Admission to a BSOM graduate program or consent of course director. Critique of current literature in pathology, concentrating on one topic each semester. Seminar presentation.

9000. Dissertation Research (3-12)

May be repeated. May count for a maximum of 36 s.h. This course is graded S or U and is not included in meeting the cumulative "B" average required for graduation.

9001. Dissertation: Summer Research (1)

May be repeated. No credit may count toward degree. Students conducting dissertation research may only register for this course during the summer.