

**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**Mendenhall Student Center 221**  
**April 16, 2012**  
**3:00-5:00 pm**

Present: Allen, Rose; Atkinson, Terry; Bickley-Green, Cynthia; Cox, Kathy; Decker, Jim; Franklin, Richard; Gallagher, Margie; Gares, Paul; Gemperline, Paul; Griffin, Linner; Kasperek, George; Keiper, Brett; Lamson, Angela; McFadden, Cheryl; Mott, Vivian; Pokorny, Marie; Rachlin, Sid; Reisch, John; Ries, Heather; Russoniello, Carmen; Scavo, Carmine; Schwager, Paul; Sprague, Mark; St. Amant, Kirk; Thompson, Bob; and Vogelsong, Hans; Terry West.

1. Call meeting to order  
3:06 PM

2. [Approval of the March 19, 2012 Graduate Council Minutes](#)  
Approved

Dr. Gemperline recognized 3 Faculty members on behalf of the Graduate School, the Graduate Council and all Graduate Faculty at ECU in appreciation of service to graduate education

- George Kasperek (retiring)
- Margie Gallagher (retiring)
- Rose Allen (accepting new position)

3. [Approval of the March 21, 2012 Graduate Curriculum Minutes](#)
  - Revision of Existing Degree: Master of Science in Nursing
  - Proposal of New Course: NURS 7445
  - Revision of Existing Courses: NURS 6615, 6621, 6622, 6623
  - Title Revision of Existing Concentration: Adult Nurse Practitioner (to Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner)
  - Title Revision of Existing Post MSN Certificate Program: Adult Nurse Practitioner (to Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner)
  - Proposal of New Courses: GEOL 7600, 7601
  - Approved
- Permission to Establish: PhD in Economics:
  - Dr. Jamie Kruse attended the GC meeting to present the permission to establish request
  - This will be an innovative and research oriented program
  - Meets ECU's Strategic Plan and UNC Tomorrow Plan
  - Program will contribute to a highly trained and well-paid workforce
  - Experienced faculty
  - Funds are being shifted from the MA in Economics program to the PhD program
    - This will not impact the service to MA students
  - Anticipate the doctoral students will be able to teach a portion of the undergraduate curriculum by the second year of the program
  - Approved

4. [Approval of the March 28, 2012 Graduate Curriculum Minutes](#)
  - Proposal of New Course(s): [REHB 6380](#)
  - Revision of Existing Course(s): [REHB 7404](#)
  - Prerequisite Revision of Existing Course(s): REHB 6310, 6501, 6521, 6522, 6523, 6550, 7000, 7001, 7601, 8210, 8380, 8410, 8531, 8532, 8533, 8550, 8810, 9000, 9001
  - Revision of Existing Degree(s): MS in Rehabilitation Counseling, MS in Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling
  - Revision of Existing Certificate(s): Certificate in Vocational Evaluation
  - Proposal of New Course(s): [NURS 8200](#) , [8201](#) , [8202](#) , [8203](#)
  - Revision of Existing Course(s): [NURS 8225](#) , [8226](#) , [8227](#) , [8240](#) , [8241](#) , [8255](#) , [8265](#)
  - Title Revision Only of Existing Course(s): [NURS 8260](#)
  - Revision of Existing Degree(s): Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
  - Editorial Revision of Existing Degree(s): MS in Physics
  - Revision of Existing Degree(s): PhD in Biomedical Physics
  - Proposal of New Course(s): [BIOL 7310](#) , [7875](#) , [7950](#) , [7970](#)
  - Revision of Existing Course(s): [BIOL 9000](#)
  - Revision and Renumbering of Existing Course(s): [BIOL 5200](#) , [5201 \(to 7200, 7201\)](#); ([BIOL 5740](#) , [5741 \(to 7740, 7741\)](#)); Revision of Existing Degree(s): MS in Biology, MS in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
  - Revision of Existing Degree(s): PhD in Coastal Resources Management
  - Approved
- Notification of Intent to Plan: MS in Community Health:
  - Dr. Burrell Montz, Chair of Geography, attended the GC meeting to present the notification of intent to plan request
  - Professional demand
  - Meets ECU's Strategic Plan and UNC Tomorrow Plan
  - Only one master's program in North Carolina that is geared toward academic planners versus professional planners
  - Degree will require 48 credits
  - Many of the existing masters geography courses will be used with this degree (currently an emphasis in Planning)
  - Consensus of the Department of Geography that this degree is the next step for the growth of the Geography graduate program
  - Program will be established and then accredited
  - Approved
5. For Approval: Revised text for changes in admissions & registration issues
  - a. [GPA calculation revisions \[note that the revised text does not stipulate a change in the minimum GPA for regular admission\]](#)
    - Approved
  - b. Last day for graduate students to drop a class: 45th class day for fall and spring semesters; upon completion of 64% for all summer terms
 

Amended: The last day to drop a class will be 5:00 on of the class day after 64% of the class days are completed for the term. During Fall and Spring terms this corresponds to the 45<sup>th</sup> class day of the term.

- Approved
  - c. [Transcript requirements](#)
    - Approved
  - d. [Admit by exception practices](#)
    - Approved
      - Suggestion to change the GRE percentile to 40%
      - Dr. Gemperline will discuss this suggestion of changing from 30% to 40% GRE percentile with PhD program directors in the fall, and if a consensus is reached will bring the issue forward to discuss with the Graduate Council
      - Mixed consensus of the council regarding if the exception decision should be made at the program level or determined by the Graduate School requirements
  - e. Admission deadlines
    - Approved
6. For Discussion: Plus/minus grading system for graduate students
- Mixed consensus
  - Suggestion to allow faculty members to opt out of using the plus minus grading system
  - The Graduate Council will address this topic again this fall, 2012
7. For Discussion:
- a. Election of GC officers, members, and GCEC members
    - At the first council meeting in August will hold elections council members with expired terms
    - New terms will be for 3 years
  - b. Fall 2012-Spring 2013 meeting schedule of the GC and GCEC
  - c. RFP for the allocation of graduate assistantships for 2013-2015
    - Graduate School will provide basic data
      - Review and send any requests for data corrections to the Graduate School
    - Programs will complete a table to outline current support and a table to outline proposed support for the next 2 year
    - Programs will also provide a brief narrative justifying the intentions of their request and a discussion of data, highlighting program quality
    - Recommendations will be taken to the Dean's Council to negotiate any revisions
      - Deans recommended Items A, B, and F should be assigned greater importance
      - Dr. Gemperline noted the version of the document sent to the Graduate Council is missing Section F (Faculty Scholarly Productivity)
    - Important to consider if program is a masters or doctoral granting program and if students are part-time or full-time when assessing time to degree
8. Announcements
- a. Summer GCEC meeting schedule
  - b. Update from Orientation Working Group
    - Working group has met to develop online orientation modules for Blackboard
    - Group is currently working with ITCS on uploading content to Blackboard

- c. Change in summer tuition remission disbursement
  - Contact Alexis Morris with any questions
- d. Thesis and dissertation announcements on Graduate School home page
  - The Graduate School will begin posting announcements for theses and dissertation defenses
- e. Update on first year graduate survey are in
  - Results from First year survey responses
  - 32% response rate
  - Received many written comments as feedback
- f. Adjourn  
5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy E. Tripp