

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 Planning:
 - 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 is the 45th day of classes for the fall and spring semesters
Last day to drop a class is 64th% of class days 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