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

o 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
      o Suggestion to change the GRE percentile to 40%
      o 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 being 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
         o 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 years
      • 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
         o Deans recommended Items A, B, and F should be assigned greater importance
         o 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