

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda  
Mendenhall Student Center 221  
August 27, 2012  
2:00-4:00 PM

Present: Atkinson, Terry; Bickley-Green, Cynthia; Coddington, Charles; Cox, Kathleen; Franklin, Richard; Gares, Paul; Griffin, Linner; Harer, John; Keiper, Brett; Lamson, Angela; McFadden, Cheryl; Morehead, Andrew; Mott, Vivian; Pokorny, Marie; Pressler, Jana; Rachlin, Sid; Reisch, John; Ries, Heather; Russoniello, Carmen; Schwager, Paul; Sprague, Mark; St Amant, Kirk; Skalko, Tom; Terjanian, Anoush; Thompson, Bob; Vogelsong, Hans; and West, Terry

Call meeting to order:

2:05 PM

1. Approval of the April 16, 2012 Graduate Council Minutes  
Approved as amended (Paul Gares), changing Community Health to Community Planning in "item 4" description of GCC actions
2. Approval of the April 25, 2012 Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes
  - a. April 25<sup>th</sup> agenda and supporting documents  
Approved
3. Approval of the August 22, 2012 Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes
  - a. August 22 Agenda and supporting documents, including permission to establish Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Dr. Sylvia Brown, Chair of the College of Nursing

- DNP is a clinical doctorate degree
- Only two in-state programs that offer DNP programs (Duke University and Gardner-Webb University)
- Recommended to have program in place by 2015
- DNP required to sit for the certification exam
- Required that program be budget-neutral and collaborative
  - Tuition surcharge has been proposed
  - Will collaborate with UNC-Pembroke

Bobby Lowry, Director of Adult and Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

- To ensure quality all students will be visited at least once at their clinical site
- Students will come to campus at the beginning and middle of each semester for skill evaluation

- Implement outcome measures for success such as first time pass rates
- Clinical faculty will have complete responsibility for evaluation

Proposal approved

#### 4. Announcements

##### a. Graduate Council Action Items 2011-2012

- Implementation issues for non-curricular action by the Graduate Council
- Dr. Gemperline is meeting with the Academic Council next week to review action items from the past year that haven't been formally presented
  - Items include: patent policy agreement, transfer credit for degree and certificate programs, drop date, GPA calculation revisions, and 5000 level courses
  - Dr. Gemperline will also follow up with the Academic Council and Chancellor to receive guidance regarding what action items will require the Chancellor's approval and will then implement a procedure for approving Graduate Council action items

Approved

##### b. RFP Graduate Assistantship Budget

- Staff members at the Graduate School are populating data forms
  - Attrition rate and time to degree data has been the most difficult to collect
- Anticipate completion by the end of this week
- Dr. Gemperline will distribute to colleges
- Changes that are well justified will be implemented

##### c. GCC Membership Drive

- Dr. Jim Decker will be replaced by Dr. Thomas Skalko
- Representative from the College of Allied Health Sciences is needed for the GCC

##### d. International applicant transcript evaluation

- Because of the significant reduction in international applications in the College of Arts and Sciences after the transcript evaluation policy was implemented, the policy is changing so that a student is not required to undergo the transcript evaluation process until after conditional program admission
  - To apply to a program transcript evaluation is not required
  - A student with an undergraduate degree from an international institution with a master's degree from a US institution does not need to undergo the transcript evaluation process for consideration of acceptance

#### 5. Formation of Ad hoc committee on plus/minus grading system for graduate students

- Committee will convene to discuss issue and then present to the Graduate Council

- Volunteers: Terry Atkinson, Cynthia Bickley-Green, Cheryl McFadden, Andrew Morehead, and John Reisch

6. Succession of Graduate Council members and officers (modifications)

- Periodic review every 3 years for college allocation of council membership (based upon student credit hours and graduate faculty)
- Election process and time table will be decided by each college
- Chair, vice chair and core members of Graduate Council Executive Committee are elected annually
- Ex-officio member is the chair of the graduate curriculum committee
- Officers will be elected in September

Edits and changes approved

- a. Update and revision of Faculty Manual Part 2
- Unit code should refer to the fact there are criteria for graduate faculty in place
  - Some units have the Graduate Faculty criteria written into unit codes

7. Future Issues and Topics of Discussion

8. Other Announcements

- Robin Ashley (formerly Armstrong) of The Graduate School is conducting workshops on different topics for graduate program directors and coordinators throughout the semester
- Dr. Mark Sprague is now the Chair of the Faculty and Dr. Andrew Morehead is vice chair of the faculty.

Adjourn:

3:45 PM

Recorder,

Amy Tripp