

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Mendenhall Student Center 221
March 19, 2012
3:00-5:00 pm

Present:

1. Call meeting to order
3:09 PM
2. Approval of the February 20, 2012 Graduate Council Minutes
Approved with revisions
3. Approval of the February 15, 2012 Graduate Curriculum Minutes
Action Items:
 - 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
4. For Discussion and Approval Proposed changes to admissions procedures
 - a. Reduced transcript requirements
 - Purpose is to reduce barriers to entry for non-traditional applicants
 - This document is consistent with current undergraduate procedures (requires only a transcript showing proof of degree earned)
 - All applicants are processed through a National Clearinghouse Database showing all schools a student has attended for the previous 10 years (in the case a student did not disclose all institutions attended)

- Dr. Gemperline will raise the question of transcript requirements at the April 27th GA Graduate Council meeting
 - Currently there is a strict interpretation by the UNC-GA's Attorney's Office of regulation passed by the UNC-GA
- If no issues are raised by the UNC-GA, the document will be incorporated into the Graduate Program Director's handbook and placed on the Graduate School website
- Request by the Graduate Council the transcript requirement memo be written in a policy statement format
- Approved

b. Admit by exception policy revisions

- Implementation Change
 - Delegate routine admit by exception to admission staff to allow for more discussions with programs regarding their applicant pool and their number of admits by exception
- Exempt from the Admit by Exception rules: Professional track admits and non-degree students who completed 9 or more hours of graduate coursework with a 3.0
- Reports will be created to show the admit information for a full academic year and programs will be contacted when they reach 10% admit by exception
- Reports can also be created to see how many AE admits are active in their program in a term
- Students admitted by exception will no longer have a GG hold placed on their student account restricting financial aid.
 - Graduate School would instead have a report of AE admits who have 9 hours or less to use for end of term communication with programs
 - The Director of Financial Aid, Julie Poorman, has been contacted to see if this proposal meets her requirements
- Robin Armstrong estimated roughly 300 students are admitted by exception per year (about 3 students are terminated each term)
- Approved

c. GPA calculation revisions

- Undergraduate GPA would only report the GPA of the student at the time of their bachelor's graduation; it would no longer be cumulative
- Post-Baccalaureate GPA (formerly, Graduate GPA) calculation to begin at 9 hours rather than 15 hours of course work past the first undergraduate degree
- Approved excluding last bullet (The regular admit qualifying threshold would increase to 3.0 if graduating GPA is used rather than cumulative GPA), retaining the current GPA requirement of 2.7
 - Dr. Gemperline will provide data regarding how many students are between the GPA range of 2.7 and 3.0

5. For Discussion and Approval: Application deadline

- Two Proposals:
 - 1- Keep the current application deadline for new degree and certificate applications and **allow application submissions through the first day of class for readmit and non-degree applications**
 - 2- Keep the current application deadline for new degree, certificate and non-degree applications and **allow application submissions through the first day of class for readmit applications**
- Discussion:
 - No matter when the deadline date is set there will always be students that miss it
 - Question of how many more students would be admitted under Proposal 1 than under Proposal 2
 - Question raised if allowing application submissions through the first day of class for non-degree students would affect processing application submissions for other students
 - Comment there is support for Proposal 2 from an institutional perspective but support for Proposal 1 from a student friendliness perspective
 - Suggestion to review retention data before making adjustments for non-degree students

- Emerging consensus around proposal 2 coupled with removing priority deadlines that are in the Catalog and updating information provided to students regarding actual deadlines
 - A separate process will be implemented for Faculty non-degree applications
6. [For Discussion and Approval: Last day to drop a class](#)
- Current drop date is too late (allowing students to be reckless with courses)
 - Courses can be dropped 2 weeks prior to the beginning of final exams (86% of the term complete)
 - Proposed graduate drop date as a percentage of class meetings
 - 60% complete or 45 class days
 - Tabled until specific dates proposed within university calendar, according to 60% or other
7. [For Discussion: Survey of first year graduate students](#)
- Ad hoc working group assisting with the development of the survey
 - Student feedback incorporated from pilot test
 - Consensus from Graduate Council that survey is too long and should be shortened
 - Dr. Gemperline announced there drawing to win \$100 Amazon gift card as an incentive for completing the survey
8. For Discussion: Revised plans for Fall 2012 new graduate student orientation
- Working group assisting with development
 - Will feature a Blackboard course (implemented in May)
 - Departments will be able to use modules from the online blackboard component
 - Concern the date of Orientation may conflict with the New Faculty Orientation
 - Provide all feedback to Dr. Belinda Patterson
9. Adjourn
5:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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