

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 corrected by Paul Gares
2. Approval of the April 25, 2012 Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes
 - a. April 25th 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