

**Graduate Studies Committee
Minutes – March 27, 2015**

I. Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2015 with corrections

II. Report of the Chair — Kenneth Klase

Klase reported on the status of the Task Force on Curricular Change. The task force has proposed coordinating GSC and Undergraduate Curriculum Committee deadlines for the two groups. The task force is also discussing revising the requirements for new course proposals, which includes giving more responsibility for review at the unit/department level.

III. Report of the Senate Representative – David Ayers

No report given.

IV. Report of the Dean — William Wiener

The Provost has indicated that she will use a portion of the tuition increase to improve the stipends used for graduate student tuition assistantships. The Graduate School surveyed departments to determine the stipend levels at two peer schools and one aspirational school to determine how UNCG compares. The Graduate School is considering determining the gap between UNCG and its peers to determine how best to distribute the stipend funds. The Graduate School is still waiting on responses from departments and hopes to provide this information to the Provost when the survey is completed.

The Graduate School efforts to expand international enrollment has included translating websites, planned international trips and is working to get an international credential evaluator at IPC. The Dean recently travelled to Colombia, where he discussed partnerships with several institutions and agencies. The discussions including the creation of exchange programs. While the Graduate School would prefer degree-seeking students, the Dean indicated that exchange programs could lead to an increase in international enrollment. He also met with funding agencies that indicated they would fund students who applied to UNCG. He is also meeting with New Mind Education, an organization that recruits students from China and helps them get adjusted to studying in the U.S. The Policies and Procedures Subcommittee will discuss policy changes that make it easier to recruit internationally. Dr. Wiener will be travelling to Brazil on April 5 and will travel to Indonesia, Vietnam and China in the fall to discuss further partnerships. The Graduate School will also be working on developing memos of understanding with the partner universities.

V. Report of the Curriculum Subcommittee — Nancy Callanan

No items to report.

VI. Report of the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee – Kenneth Klase

Klase introduced a revised version of the Changes to the Policy on Appointment to the Graduate Faculty in the Graduate Bulletin that was discussed in the February GSC meeting. The changes

were related to allowing adjunct members with terminal degrees teaching and serving on dissertation/capstone projects. The GSC approved the changes to the policy. The changes will be sent to the Faculty Senate for review before returning to the GSC for a final vote.

The GSC reviewed the changes to the Graduate Bulletin related to the Nursing DNP Capstone projects. The capstone will be under the review of three individuals – the faculty member teaching each section of Nursing 798 and the capstone committee chair (both of whom will be doctorally prepared) and an expert in the field of the capstone project.

The change in the definition of full-time status for doctoral students would be full-time while taking three-credit hours of dissertation. The hours will be indicated by either the hours indicated in the Bulletin or in the students' Plan of Study. The GSC voted to approve this change.

Klase discussed a change to the rules that would allow Interlink students to enroll concurrently in a graduate-level course through Visions as a non-degree student in a program to which they are intending to apply when they reach Level 5. This would provide the departments with another way to gauge the student's abilities and English-language capabilities. There are still pending issues on how this would work, in terms of visa status and other technical issues. The GSC voted to send this out for discussion among the Graduate Faculty and will hold a final vote at a future meeting.

The Policies and Procedures Subcommittee discussed changing the rules for the Accelerated Degree Programs to allow international students to complete undergraduate degree requirements from their home institution while also fulfilling graduate requirements at UNCG in 500 to 600 level courses offered by specific graduate programs with an ADP track. This would be limited to 12 credit hours. This would require MoUs with international partner universities.

VII. Report of the Student Affairs Subcommittee – Anthony Cuda

The Student Affairs Subcommittee has a student hearing upcoming.

VIII. New Business/Other

Dana Dunn has sent about the Open Education Resource Mini-grants.

The Faculty Scholar Communications Committee will look at external mandates (such as from the NSF, NEH, etc.) that will need to be put in place by January 2016. The UNCG Library will have a program to advise researchers on how to comply with these new requirements.

The Library will transition from EndNote Web Version at the end of June to Zotero. Guides have been made available and the subject-area liaisons are available to help. Students and faculty using the EndNote software will need to transition to Zotero.

IX. Adjournment