

**Graduate Studies Committee
Minutes – October 23, 2015**

1. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2015

Attendance: Beth Bernhardt, Monica Westerheide, William Wiener, Lee Beverly, Norman Chiu, Sat Gupta, Linda Rupert, Tony Cuda, Angela Newman, Jianjun Wei, Stephen Holland, Randy McMullen, Maria Sanchez, Douglas Levin, Laura Chesak, and Robert Wells.

2. Report of the Chair — Robert Wells

Dr. Wells said the proposed changes to the Curriculum Task Force have been distributed to the faculty and will report back at a future meeting so that the Graduate Studies Committee can vote on the item. Dr. Wells has joined conversations with the Provost and the chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on the process for approving mode of delivery change for online courses. That issue will be discussed at the UCC December meeting.

Dr. Wells asked for the committee to identify a chair-elect in order to fill the role for next year.

3. Report of the Senate Representative – Maria Sanchez

Dr. Sanchez said the Faculty Senate is still in discussions about workload policy.

4. Report of the Dean — William Wiener

The Graduate School's annual newsletter Horizons will be out at the end of December. Blair Brown has been hired at the International Programs Center as director of recruitment. The Dean will travel to Vietnam and China in the fall and Indonesia in the Spring. Dr. Chesak just returned from Mexico to help establish partnerships with top-quality high schools and universities in Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterrey in order to recruit students and exchange faculty.

The Educational Advisory Board meeting has worked to create academic benchmarks and business analytics about enrollments, courses and other information that can be used to make future projections. This will include degree and course completion rates, courses that could be expanded because they are now bottlenecks, class size by schools and college and other areas. By next year, the board will provide the data to the university.

The 3 Minute Thesis competition will be held on November 17. The competition provides graduate students with an opportunity to present their work to an audience in a three-minute window. The winner will go on to represent UNCG in a 3MT competition in Charlotte, NC. The Graduate School is sponsoring a lunch for juniors on Feb. 23. This will allow representatives from the department to meet promising UNCG juniors.

There will be future proposed changes to the student grievance policy.

5. Report of the Curriculum Subcommittee — Lee Beverly

ROUTINE CHANGES (Form D)

Approve

6. GEO 522: Seminar in Population and Urban Studies – Revise course title to “Geography

of Livable Cities.” Revise course description. Effective Fall 2016.

7. **GEO 750: Advanced Spatial Analysis** – Change course to GEO 720: Advanced Spatial Analysis. Effective Fall 2016.
8. **GEO 760: Research Design** - Change course to GEO 702: Research Design. Effective Fall 2016.
9. **GEO 781: Seminar in Earth Science/Natural Resource** - Change course to GEO 730: Seminar in Earth Science/Natural Resource. Effective Fall 2016.
10. **GEO 791: Seminar in Urban Planning/Economic Development** - Change course to GEO 740. Effective Fall 2016.
11. **GEO 792: Seminar in Regional Economic Development** - Change course to GEO 741: Seminar in Regional Economic Development. Effective Fall 2016.

Approve with Revisions

12. **GEO 761: History of Geographic Thought** - Change course to GEO 701: History of Geographic Thought. Effective Fall 2016.

NEW AND AMENDED COURSES (Form A)

Approve

13. **TED 671: Thinking and Learning in Middle Grades and Secondary Mathematics: Number and Algebra** – Effective Fall 2016.
14. **TED 673: Thinking and Learning in Middle Grades and Secondary Mathematics: Geometry, Statistics, and Probability** – Effective Fall 2016.

Approve with Revisions

15. **BIO 699: Thesis** – Add Bulletin description and revise credit hour structure to (1-6) as opposed to (3-6). Effective Fall 2016.
16. **LIS 658: Archival Management** – Effective Spring 2016.
17. **MAT 678: Directed Project in Mathematics** – Effective Spring 2016.

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18. **IAR 532: Interior Architecture Laboratory** – Effective Spring 2016.

NEW CONCENTRATIONS, SECOND ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS, AND MINORS (Form F)

Approve with Revisions

19. **MAT: MA in Mathematics – Concentration in Actuarial Mathematics** – Effective Spring 2016.
20. **MAT: MA in Mathematics – Concentration in Data Analytics** – Effective Spring 2016.
21. **MAT: MA in Mathematics – Concentration in Teaching College Math** – Effective Spring 2016.
22. **Report of the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee – Douglas Levine**

No report.

23. **Report of the Student Affairs Subcommittee – Anthony Cuda**

No report.

24. **New Business/Other**

25. **Adjournment**