

MINUTES

Graduate Studies Committee

April 16, 2010 meeting

The meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee was called to order by Professor Lewallen at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, EUC.

Present: Ananian, Bartlett, Carroll, Chesak, Ehrhardt, Haddy, Hodges, Lewallen, Lewis, Mazgaj, Petersen, Rowett-James, Saunders, Snowden, Tedder, and Telfair.

Excused Absence: Adams, Callanan, Jackson, and Pond.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 26, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR - DR. LEWALLEN

Dr. Lewallen thanked the subcommittee chairs for their leadership and all GSC members for their service to the committee.

REPORT OF THE DEAN - DR. PETERSEN

Dean Petersen thanked Dr. Lewallen for her leadership this year.

The Request for Permission to Plan a Joint PhD in Social Work with NC A&T State University was review by the disciplinary panel and was well-received. He is expecting that permission to proceed will be granted.

On April 1 Dean Petersen met with the UNCG Corporate Relations Committee, a group of local business leaders. Three PHD students from the departments of psychology, public health education, and geography described their dissertation research. Committee members were very impressed with the research and we certainly need more settings like this to create awareness of graduate education in the community.

The Dean met with the Graduate Student Association recently and answered questions. No significant new issues were raised as the session.

The plan for a School of Pharmacy was disapproved by the Board of Governors on April 8, following the recommendation of President Erskine Bowles. Instead, the committee voted to allow UNC Chapel Hill to establish a satellite pharmacy school in Asheville. UNC Chapel Hill has indicated it has financial backing for the satellite program with no need for money from the state.

The Council of Graduate Schools has reported the following items of interest:

- International graduate applications for 2010 grew 7%. (UNCG experienced 8% growth.) The number of applicants from China grew 19%. The majority of growth nationally (62%) was in engineering, physical/earth sciences, and business.
- The fourth report in a series on PhD completion and attrition has been published and focuses on policies and practices for promoting student success.

The April 9th issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* reports on a crisis in graduate education in the humanities.

A sample of the Graduate School's new folder for prospective students was passed around.

REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE – DR. CARROLL

Routine Changes

The following were approved:

1. WGS 600 Independent Study, change prerequisites and description, effective Fall 2010.
Pr. completed at least 9 semester hours with a B (3.0) average or better.
A research or creative project related to women's and gender studies *supervised by a WGS faculty member.*
2. MUS 749 Seminar in Higher Education for Performers, change title, prerequisites, and description, effective Spring 2011.
MUS 749 College Teaching: The Tenure Track
Pr. admission to ~~the DMA degree program~~ *a terminal degree program in the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance.*
Issues related to teaching ~~music performance~~ **performing arts** in higher education. Topics include curriculum design, teaching methods, evaluation, promotion, school/departmental structure, job searching/resume preparation, copyright, publication, etc. (Spring)

New/Amended Course Proposals

The following were approved:

NAN 601 Nanochemistry
NAN 602 Nanobiology
NAN 611 Nanoscience Laboratory Rotation
NAN 621 Professional Development Seminar
NAN 622 Professional Development Seminar
NAN 799 Nanoscience Dissertation Research

The following were approved with minor revisions:

ENT/KIN/GRO 677 Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Healthy Aging
MUS 748 Practicum in Instrumental Pedagogy
NAN 603 Nanophysics

The following items were removed from the agenda:

NAN 612 Nanoscience Laboratory Rotation
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NAN 614 Nanoscience Laboratory Rotation
NAN 697 Professional MS in Nanoscience Internship
NAN 698 Professional MS in Nanoscience Internship
NAN 750 Special Topics in Nanoscience

Program Moratoria

The following were approved:

1. MSN, Nursing Administration, campus-based program, through 2012-2013.
2. MSN, Nursing Education, campus-based program, through 2012-2013.

New Degree Program

The following was approved:

Department of Physics, Notification of Intent to Plan, Master of Science in physics, effective Spring 2011.

New Certificate Program

The following was tabled:

Department of Public Health Education, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in health promotion in higher education, effective Fall 2010.

Related New Course Proposals:

HEA 500 Health Promotion in Higher Education

HEA 610 Planning and Evaluation of Health Promotion in Higher Education

HEA 520 Accountability and Assessment in Health Promotion in Higher Education

HEA 630 Readings in Health Promotion in Higher Education

Information Item

Distance education version (online) of the MS in information technology and management, Department of Information Systems and Operations Management, effective Fall 2011.

REPORT OF THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE – DR. SNOWDEN

The following were voted and approved:

1. Action Item: GPA Requirement for Graduation

For the completion of graduate programs, the overall GPA for graduate courses taken at UNCG must be at least 3.0. Additionally, the overall GPA for all courses included on the student's final Plan of Study must be at least 3.0. A GPA of 3.0 or better may be required in the major field at the option of the major department.

In the case of a student who has attempted the minimum number of semester hours for the degree or certificate without achieving the required GPA, the Dean of The Graduate School, upon recommendation of the department, may permit the student to continue. If permission is granted, a maximum of 25% of the coursework hours required for the program may be added to the plan of study, not to exceed 12 hours. The additional hours may not be independent study.

2. Action Item: Residence Requirement

Doctoral students are expected to satisfy a residence requirement, which provides them the opportunity for an extended period of intensive study and intellectual and professional development among a community of scholars.

The basic requirement is two consecutive full-time semesters (minimum of 6 hours per semester) of graduate **coursework (excluding independent study and dissertation hours)** on this campus after admission to a doctoral program. The two sessions of summer school count as one semester.

Undergraduate courses taken in support of a graduate program cannot count towards residence.

3. Action Item: Student as Faculty

Graduate students should not be assigned to graduate assistantships that generate conflicts of interest. If a graduate student is assigned to teach a graduate level course, the department must seek permission from the Dean of The Graduate School, providing a rationale for the assignment and a plan to ensure that the assignment will not generate conflicts of interest.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE – MS. CALLANAN

No report.

REPORT OF THE SENATE REPRESENTATIVE – DR. JACKSON

The last meeting of the Faculty Senate involved undergraduate learning goals.

OTHER

1. The committee voted not to approve a request from the departments of Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundation and Teacher Education and Higher Education to amend the term to change the name of the major of their shared PhD program. The original request, approved by GSC October 23, 2009 and by General Administration on December 2, 2009, asked for the name change to be effective for graduating students beginning Spring 2009 and admitted students beginning Fall 2010. The departments now request to allow those who were admitted to the program prior to the name change approval to graduate under the previous name of Curriculum and Teaching and those who were admitted beginning Fall 2010 to graduate under the new name of Educational Studies.
2. The proposal from the University Registrar's Office to delete courses not offered in five years was removed from the agenda.
The University Registrar's Office proposes that courses that have not been offered in five (5) years be deleted from the UNCG curriculum and removed from the Undergraduate Bulletin/Graduate Bulletin.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.