

## MINUTES

### **Graduate Studies Committee**

November 16, 2012 meeting

The meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee was called to order by Dr. David Teachout at 10:00 a.m. in 1607 MHRA.

Members Present: Greg Bell, Beth Bernhart (in place for Steve Cramer), Laura Chesak, Tony Cuda, Mark Fine, Vince Francisco, Chris Kepley, Ken Klase, Lynne Lewallen, Emily Pepper, Jodi Pettazzoni, Kelly Rowett-James, Ken Snowden, David Teachout, Susan Walcott, and William Wiener. Also present: Barbara Tookey.

Excused Absence: Steve Cramer, Nancy Hodges, Michael Kane, and Sam Miller

Absent: Randy McMullen, Torry Reynolds

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the October 19, 2012 meeting were approved.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR - Dr. David Teachout**

Dr. Teachout reported that the GSC needed to elect a Chair-elect. Ken Klase had expressed an interest. A motion was presented and seconded to appoint Dr. Ken Klase as the GSC Chair-elect.

### **Report of the Senate Representative – Dr. Bell**

Dr. Bell reported that at the last Faculty Senate meeting it was discussed including non-tenure track faculty on the Faculty Senate. However, this could be problematic for graduate faculty. Dr. Bell stated that the Faculty Senate plans on discussing in more detail with the GSC to try and work this out.

### **REPORT OF THE DEAN - Dr. Bill Wiener**

Dean Bill Wiener informed the committee that the number of Graduate applications is up over a 100% compared with this time last year due to recruitment efforts. The Graduate School is contacting students with incomplete applications for them to continue and complete their applications. He would like for faculty to contact these students as well.

We have agreed to activate for the Universities Strategic Plan, goal 3.1, which is to development opportunities for graduate student participation in interdisciplinary, collaborative, scholarly, and creative activities. When you activate a goal, you must form a committee, develop a plan, and then forward it on to the next step committee approval. Dean Wiener would like for the committee to recommend anyone who has an interest in serving to e-mail him.

Research Expo is April 2, 2013. There will be 6 categories with a \$1000 prize. The goal of the expo is to help students share what they are doing with people outside of their field. Winners will go to Raleigh for Legislative Day.

Council of Graduate Schools selected UNCG, Preparing Future Leaders Program, for an award in combination with North Carolina A&T State University. 25 students from each school will be enrolled in online courses to prepare students in their future roles in assessment of student learning.

Dean Wiener reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays with the Dean's has been receiving good interaction. The next one is scheduled for February 1 at the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering. The Graduate School is in the process of arranging transportation.

The Graduate Student Association would like to see a list of expectations for TA's, RA's, and GA's. They would also like to see a grievance process for dismissal from their position. They suggested that the Student Affairs Subcommittee begin working on this.

**REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE – Dr. Vince Francisco**  
**ROUTINE CHANGES (Form D)**

**The following were approved:**

1. **AFS 554: ~~Black Populism in the New South~~ **Independent Black Politics in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century****
2. **SWK 554: ~~Social Work with Mentally Ill People~~ **Mental Health Social Work** – Provides knowledge and skills necessary for practicing effective social work with people who **have mental illness** ~~are mentally ill~~ and their families. – Effective Summer 2013**
3. **RPM** - Change all RPM course prefix's to CTR, including all Community and Therapeutic Recreation prerequisites. – Effective Fall 2013
4. **RPM CTR 646: ~~Seminar: Leisure Services Management~~ **Seminar: Community Recreation Management** – Effective Fall 2013**

**NEW/AMENDED COURSE PROPOSALS (Form A)**

**The following was tabled:**

1. **NAN 770: Scientific Integrity** – Effective Spring 2013

**The following was approved:**

1. **NUR 780: Special Topics in Nursing Science** – Effective Summer 2013

**ADDITION, DISCONTINUATION, OR MORATORIUM OF CONC ENTRATIONS, SECOND ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS, SECOND MAJOR OPTION, AND/OR MINORS (Form F)**

**The following were approved:**

1. **Educational Leadership (EdD)** – Discontinue Entry Level Principal & Superintendent Licensure Concentration EdD 93 hour option – Proposed Effective Date Fall 2012
2. **Educational Leadership (EdD)** – Discontinue Entry Level Principal Concentration EdD 84 hour option – Proposed Effective Date Fall 2012
3. **Educational Leadership (EdS)** – Discontinue Entry Level Principal Concentration EdS 60 hour option – Proposed Effective Date Fall 2012

**The following was tabled:**

1. **Instructional Technology (MED)** – Discontinue concentration (currently on moratorium) – Proposed Effective Date Spring 2013

**Report of the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee – Dr. Klase**

Discussion took place regarding the draft of the role of the GSC. The subcommittee talked and decided to revise the language and then let the Faculty Senate review. The draft keeps the charge similar to that of the committees but reflects the uniqueness of the GSC. A motion to approve the draft and submit to the Faculty Senate was presented and approved.

The draft of the Appointment to Graduate Faculty Policy was discussed. The issue was raised earlier regarding phased retirement and how faculty would no longer be eligible to be full members or chairs. The departments indicated a desire for flexibility for faculty in phased retirement to continue in those positions. The other major change was regarding Adjunct status. It is now more clearly defined that a master's plus 5 years related professional work experience is required. Exceptions can be made for some using alternate credentials. Adjuncts with 1 year appointments can be a 5<sup>th</sup> member of a doctoral committee. A motion was presented and approved.

Accelerated bachelor's to master's programs was also discussed. The maximum number of hours approved to use is 12. A suggestion was made to strike the minimum of 2/3 piece stated in the Admissions Procedure. A question was raised regarding differential tuition. It could be per course so would this apply to anyone taking the course? Would an undergraduate in these courses pay undergraduate tuition plus differential tuition? If so, students may be clearly informed that they are subject to these fees. Another concern was raised as to counting in both GPA's. Kelly Rowett-James will check with UNC Charlotte and inform the committee once she has heard back. The subcommittee would like to give the departments more time to respond with their thoughts.

### **Report of the Student Affairs Subcommittee – Dr. Snowden**

#### **REQUEST FOR DISCONTINUATION/MORATORIUM OF A PROGRAM (FORM K)**

**The following was tabled:**

- a. **MED in Educational Supervision (Instructional Design Concentration – Proposed Discontinuation)**

**The following were approved:**

- a. **PBC in Entrepreneurship – Discontinuation Proposed Effective Date Spring 2013**
- b. **PMC in Couple and Family Counseling – Discontinuation Proposed Effective Date Spring 2013**

### **New Business/Other**

The Graduate Deans Council received a new program proposal from another institution for a Master's degree in Global Studies. Dean Wiener asked which department would be the closest department to review this type of request. It was recommended to send it to Geography.

### **Adjournment**