

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2010

Members Present: Erevelles, Sunil - Marketing
Gray, Lee – Arts + Architecture
Jones, Jeanneine – Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education
Kulkarni, Shanti – Social Work
Manouchehrabadi, Mahnaz - GPSG Student Representative
Mays, Larry – Bioinformatics & Genomics
McGregor, Rob Roy – Economics Department (Graduate Council Chair)
Mozenter, Frada – Atkins Library
Tom Reynolds – Associate Provost for Graduate Programs and Dean
Teresa Scheid (SOCY) alternate for Tony Jackson (English)
Schneider, Stan (BIOL) alternate for Greg Mixon (Hist)
Steck, Todd – Biology
Teng, Gary – Engineering Management

Also Attending: Charles Brody – Dean’s Office, Liberal Arts & Sciences
Lee Sherry – Special Education and Child Development
Ahmad Sleiti – Mechanical Engineering
Scott Terry – Psychology
Jing Xiao – Computer Science
Susan Sell – Graduate School
Johnna Watson – Graduate School

LOCATION OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD IN THE NEW CGL (CENTER FOR GRADUATE LIFE) – CONE 268.

I. Approval of the May 4 and August 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order and called for the approval of the May 4, 2010 meeting minutes. There being no corrections, the Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes as stands. The motion was made by Scheid and seconded by Jones. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair McGregor called for the approval of the August 17, 2010 meeting minutes. There being no corrections, the Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes as stands. The motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Gray. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. Report of the Chair

Chair McGregor reported that he met with Charles Bodkin, President of the Faculty and discussed the following:

1. Determining the loss of Graduate Assistantships due to economic conditions
2. Consent Calendar processes – long form course proposals

Chair McGregor called for the motion to change the order of agenda items. Requested item 5 be moved before Course and Curriculum proposals. The motion was made by Mays and seconded by Scheid. Council vote was unanimous.

III. Report of the Dean

Dean Reynolds welcomed Council members to the CGL (Center for Graduate Life).

- Reynolds reported that the Grand Opening for the CGL was August 31st. Center was established to promote Graduate Student social networking and professional development.
- Fall Enrollment –
 - Total – 25,109,
 - 5310 Graduate Students (21% of total)
 - 827 enrolled Doctoral students
 - 3016 Master’s students
 - 317 graduate students were cleared for graduation this summer (27 PhD, 276 Master’s and 23 Graduate Certificate students)
 - 595 grad students have already applied to graduate in the fall 2010 – last year we had 420.
- Announcements have been made for graduate faculty nominations for the First Citizens Scholars and Harshini V. de Silva awards. Reynolds encouraged council to share this with faculty. Graduate students may also nominate a faculty member. Deadlines are: Nov. 1 – de Silva and Nov. 8 – First Citizens.
- Reynolds reported the receipt of an Early Entry Program - Bioinformatics Professional Science Master’s program; accelerated up to 6 credit hours graduate credit may be double counted. Accepted undergraduates in CS, SIS, Chemistry and Biology. This boiler plate meets all of the requirements. Dean has reviewed and approved for implementation.

IV. 3.00 GPA as minimum required for graduate admissions

As approved by Council, this item was moved up on the agenda. Dean Reynolds distributed handout.

Rationale – 2.75 GPA does not reflect the competitiveness of our programs. The Standards have become 3.0.

A discussion took place and the Chair called for the motion to support this revision with the decision to roll out to the Graduate Program Coordinators for comments. Schneider made the motion with a second from Scheid. The Council voted unanimously.

V. Course & Curriculum Proposals:

a. PhD in Information Technology Name Change Request

Chair McGregor called for the motion to consider. Scheid made the motion with a second from Schneider. Jing Xiao was present to represent the College of Computing and Informatics. Xiao explained:

- Faculty and students did not like the current name
- New name: PhD in Computing & Informatics Systems better aligns with course curriculum
- Current name did not reflect the scope of research and multiple tracks
- New name is accepted by all track departments
- For existing students in the program, they have the option to keep the old name or change to the new one.

A brief discussion took place. Chair McGregor suggested that the Dean of CCI request support from the Dean of Engineering. Xiao agreed to make the request of the Dean of CCI. There being no further questions, Chair McGregor called for the motion to endorse the program name change. Scheid made the motion with a second from Gray. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. PSYC 03-26-10 – Creation of a New Graduate Course in History & Systems of Psychology
Chair McGregor called for the motion to consider. Gray made the motion with a second from Scheid. Scott Terry was present to answer questions. After a brief discussion, the following revisions were requested:

- Revise page 4 to state “not applicable” instead of “not completed”.

There being no further questions, Chair McGregor called for the motion to approve the proposal with the revision listed. Schneider made the motion with a second from Scheid. The motion was approved unanimously.

- c. SPED 02-15-10 – Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders
Chair McGregor called for the motion to consider. Schneider made the motion with a second from Scheid. Lee Sherry was present to answer questions. Chair McGregor reported that this might be considered the second reading as the proposal was first considered at the May 4, 2010 Graduate Council Meeting.

After a brief discussion, the following changes were suggested:

- Add a sentence to show that the course is offered online
- Page 1 of the proposal, change number to be 6225 instead of 6222
- Page 7, insert the word “existing”
- Page 3 - change admission requirements to 3.0 GPA

There being no further questions, Chair McGregor called for the motion to approve the proposal with the listed revisions. Schneider made the motion with a second from Jones. The motion was approved unanimously.

- VI. A proposal for 5th year graduate programs (B.A./M.A. or B.S./M.S.) at UNC Charlotte
Johnna Watson (Graduate School) distributed handout and explained rationale:

- A way to recruit students early to a program (high school) and also go after really strong Undergraduate students
- A student would graduate with a B.S./M.S. simultaneously
- Includes a mentoring component
- May not be tangible for all programs – (Engineering really supportive)
- What happens if they apply after Feb. 1; then they would be considered Early Entry

A brief discussion took place. Chair McGregor called for this to be the first reading in order to obtain support from campus programs.

VII. Reports from the subcommittees: Chair McGregor asked the subcommittees to elect a chair for their respective committees.

Standards & Assessment: no report.

Planning: no report

Course & Curriculum: no report

VIII. Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Parks
Secretary to the Graduate Council