MINUTES - Revised
Graduate School Administrative Board Meeting
Monday, 2/22/2010
3:30 p.m.
Greenville Centre

Present
Voting Members: Decker, Jim; Ericson, Richard; Fonooni, Hamid; Gallagher, Margie; Gemperline, Paul; Holte, Jim; Hough, Monica; Kasperek, George; Mott, Vivian; Pokorny, Marie; and Paul Schwager
Ex-officio Members: Cistola, David, Dellana, Scott; and Linner Griffin.
Regular Guests: Armstrong, Robin; Bland, Sondra; and Belinda Patterson

Absent
Voting Members: Gordon, James; Prividera, Laura; Sprague, Rouse, Art; and Terry West
Non-voting Members: Mark (on behalf of Marianna Walker);

1. Call to order
   3:34 pm

2. Approval of February 8, 2010 GSAB meeting minutes
   Approved

3. Approval of Unit Criteria for Election to Graduate Faculty Status
   a. Mathematics
      The Department of Math is against revising unit criteria to election to Graduate Faculty status as recommended by the GSAB because:
      1) Difficult to generate thesis level research in the discipline of math (standard of math programs);
      2) Appendix F statement “Reappointment of a faculty member does not need to show activity in all three areas...;
      3) Previously approved criteria does not contain research component.
      GSAB perspective is faculty members on or chairing thesis committees should have recent research productivity
      Dr. Gemperline will meet with the department of math next week to discuss criteria before sharing again with the GSAB for approval.

   b. Occupational Therapy
      • Presented by Dr. Dave Cistola
      • Approved – additional revisions are anticipated
   c. Physical Therapy
      • Presented by Dr. Walt Jenkins
      • Approved
4. Approval of GCC Minutes—1/26/10
   a. GCC items III, IV, V, course revisions (Geological Sciences, Biology, Political Sciences)
      • Approved
   a,b. CRM PhD Curriculum revisions – Dr. Hans Vogelsong
      Revised CRM curriculum: (agenda item #6)
      http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gcc/01-26-10-GCC-agenda.cfm

Strengths of CRM PhD Curriculum Revisions:
• In depth definition of the three primary fields of study
• Increased hours of dissertation are more congruent with a PhD degree
• New proposal better reflects complexities and dynamics of the field of study

Concerns of CRM PhD Curriculum Revisions:
• No description of how a didactic plan of study is developed
  CRM program argues for practical purposes courses should not be listed in the Graduate Catalog because of the long list of courses a student could take to fulfill requirements (nature of an interdisciplinary degree). It was recommended by the GSAB that it may be most appropriate for student to sit down with an interdisciplinary committee to develop a plan of study
• Total number of credits required is too low (62 credit hours post-baccalaureate) for a doctoral degree
• Heavy reliance on course taught classes and not research hours
  CRM argues many courses taught in the class are special/directed topics that contribute to the student’s dissertation work
• Number of required dissertation hours still too low (12 credit hours)
  o Number should be listed as 1 – 9 credit hours

Vote of approval for document to be sent back to the GCC and program director (Dr. Vogelsong) with written comments/recommendations from the GSAB.

Dr. Mageean announcements:
• Dr. Tom McConnell has been hired to fill the position of Associate Dean of the Graduate School
• Dr. Ron Mitchelson will be joining the division of Research and Graduate Studies part-time
• National search for Dean of the Graduate School will be conducted
  o Dr. Alan While will serve as chair of the search committee
  o Search committee members: Robert Hickner (Bioenergetics), James Gordon (Graduate Student Senate), Sherri Jones (Allied Health), Burrell Montz (Geography), George Kasperek (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), Ravi Paul (Business), Laura Prividera (Communication), Hans Vogelsong (Coastal Resources Management), and Terry West (Biology)

5. Old Business
   a. Readmission policy – for discussion and approval
      • Dr. Gemperline presented revisions
- Change to “three years or more” 2nd paragraph 1st sentence
- Approved as amended
  b. Graduate School strategic plan – for discussion

6. New business
   a. Formation of Graduate Assembly committee to update Appendix F – update

Ms. Julie Poorman (Director of Financial Aid) presented information at the February 16th Graduate Assembly meeting regarding financial aid guidelines as it affects graduate students.

To be eligible for financial aid, students must have an 80% completion rate (year/semester). This is concerning because the current banner code of Q (used for students who have a thesis or dissertation in progress) does not award credit completed, putting many graduate students out of compliance with financial aid regulations as interpreted by ECU. Suggestion proposed at the GA meeting and supported by the GSAB to change the code for theses/dissertations from ‘Q/R’ to ‘pass/fail’

Approved by GSAB
Dr. Gemperline will send email notification to the Registrar and all faculty members working with graduate students of this change.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy E. Tripp