

Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Present: Dr. James Badger, Dr. Lee Barrow, Dr. Susan Brandenburg-Ayers, Dr. Michele Byrne, Dr. Barry Friedman, Dr. Georgia Mann, Dr. Mark Jordan, Dr. Jim Martin, Dr. Bob Michael, Ms. Sara McNure, Dr. Richard Oates, Ms. Susan Perry, Dr. Linda Roberts-Betsch, Dr. Pamela Sachant, and Dr. Shawn Tonner.

Graduate Student Representatives: *Ms. Casey Deal.*

Absent: *Dr. Tanya Bennett, Dr. Larry Berneking, Ms. Jill Brady, Dr. Max Burns, Dr. Bob Laird, and Dr. Grace Newsome.*

Meeting commenced at 3:35 p.m.

Handouts:

NGCSU Graduate Programs Specialized Funding Plan

Meeting:

I. Approval of Minutes (January 16, 2008)

- Ms. Deal made the motion to approve the minutes
- Dr. Martin made the second to approve the minutes
- Unanimous vote to approve the minutes

II. Proposals for Course and Program Changes

School of Arts & Letters

Course Actions:

1. Changed title of HIST 6200 from “Western Civilization I” to “Studies in European History”
2. Addition of POLS 6160, “Women and Politics,” the graduate counterpart to POLS 4160

Approved by Deans’ Council. Presented for informational purposes only.

Dr. Lee Barrow

Program Actions:

1. Addition of MAT in Art, Program of Study
 - Dr. Brandenburg-Ayers made the motion to approve the addition
 - Dr. Byrne made the second to approve the addition
 - Unanimous vote to approve the addition
2. Addition of MAT in Music, Program of Study. This is dependent on the approval of the MM degree proposed to the Board of Regents.
 - Dr. Mann made the motion to approve the addition when MM is approved by the BOR
 - Dr. Brandenburg-Ayers made the second to approve the addition
 - Unanimous vote to approve the addition

School of Education – Dr. Bob Michael

Comprehensive Program Reviews:

1. MED in Art
2. MED in Science

With the new MAT and redesign of these programs, students in the MAT and MED programs will be taking the same set of advanced content courses, which increases the critical mass in each of those courses. The MAT will start this summer.

III. Old Business

1. Proposal for funding Graduate Programs

Dr. Michael provided one handout:

NGCSU Graduate Programs Specialized Funding Plan

The following points were made:

- The Innovative Program concept that has already been approved by the Deans' Council and Leadership Council (this model is used at UGA for funding new graduate programs).
- Increasing graduate tuition rate is currently being addressed and will continue to be discussed.
- An innovative funding program would give 80% of the tuition dollars to the new program, and 20% would go to the institution for indirects. The program is responsible for all of the expenses of running the program. For two years the new program is running off of the money generated from the tuition. The third year, the money from formula funding kicks in, and the tuition money goes back into the regular institutional pot; the program becomes viable.

- The model provides incentive for creating new programs and opportunity to give more money to the schools/programs.

V. Announcements

1. Dr. Roberts-Betsch discussed Graduate Faculty Status. The Graduate Council has determined that there is no known need for Graduate Faculty Status. SACS does not require Graduate Faculty Status.
 - Dr. Friedman made the motion to recommend to the Faculty Senate that the reference to Graduate Faculty Status be stricken in the Faculty Senate bylaws pertaining to the Graduate Council.
 - Dr. Badger made the second in favor of the amendment.
 - Unanimous vote to approve the motion.
2. The next Graduate Council Meeting is on March 26, 2008, from 3:30 to 5:00 in NOC 017.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Adams