

Graduate Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Present: Ms. Jill Brady, Dr. Barry Friedman, Dr. Mark Jordan, Dr. Jim Martin, Dr. Bob Michael, Dr. Richard Oates, Ms. Shawn Tonner, Ms. Susan Perry, and Dr. Marina Slemmons.

Graduate Student Representative: Ms. Casey Deal

Absent: Dr. James Badger, Dr. Larry Berneking, Dr. Susan Brandenburg-Ayers, Dr. Max Burns, Dr. Michelle Byrne, Dr. Donna Gessell, Dr. Robert Laird, Dr. Georgia Mann, Dr. Kim Melton, Dr. Grace Newsome, and Dr. Pamela Sachant.

Meeting commenced at 3:35 p.m.

I. Approval of February 13, 2008 Minutes

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

II. Proposals for Course and Program Changes

A. Mike Cottrell School of Business – Dr. Mark Jordan

1. MBA program change, minimum GPA from 2.5 to 2.75 to be consistent with the university's standards.

- Dr. Michael made the motion to approve the change
- Dr. Martin made the second
- Unanimous vote to approve the change

B. School of Education – Dr. Bob Michael

1. Dr. Michael discussed redesign of EDS in Leadership programs as result of requirements by BOR and PSC for students to acquire School Leadership Certificate prior to acceptance into EDS in Teacher Leadership program. The program will be recreated so that L-5 certification precedes the new EDS in School Leadership program.

The following actions were proposed: a) Replace EDS in Teacher Leadership with EDS in School Leadership with Building and District Level Emphases. b) Replace current EDL Leadership Certificate Program with L-5 Certification in School Leadership. c) Addition of new courses/program of study indicating a change in the program from 30 to 32 hours.

- Dr. Michael made the motion to approve the changes
- Dr. Friedman made the second
- Unanimous vote to approve the changes

C. School of Arts & Letters – Dr. Jim Martin

1. Dr. Martin discussed change to COUN 7660, Counseling Thesis; would like to make the course repeatable for six hours.

Discussion: Dr. Friedman made the point of order that repeatable credit is handled at the Deans' level. Dr. Martin agreed to have the course change presented at the Deans' Council meeting on 3/31/08. Once approved by the Deans' Council, the change will be forwarded to the Graduate Council for informational purposes.

III. Announcements

A. Dr. Oates mentioned the review and revision of the Graduate Bulletin. Questions have been raised regarding policy on "Off-Campus Courses and Distance Learning" that states: "A student is allowed to take up to one-half of his/her course work at off-campus locations. Courses offered by NGCSU at the Gainesville University Center or Forsyth Program campus satisfy the on-campus criterion."

We now have programs that violate this policy (i.e., on-line degree programs). Council members agreed that this policy, although needed in the past, is no longer relevant to current programs.

- Dr. Friedman made the motion to remove the paragraph on "Off-Campus Courses and Distance Learning" from the Graduate Bulletin.
- Dr. Michael made the second
- Unanimous vote to remove the policy

Additionally, the section in the Graduate Bulletin regarding Admission requirements is no longer relevant and should be revised. Along with the vote to remove the specified policy on Off-Campus Courses, the Council members agreed that if subsequent sections of the Graduate Bulletin are found to be inconsistent with the proposed revision, that policy should also be revised to reflect the needed changes.

B. Dr. Michael announced a meeting to discuss and help clarify the changes to MAT and MED programs on April 1, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in Dunlap, Room 212.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Adams