

The seventh meeting of the Graduate Council for 2015-2016 year was on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in Conference Room 153 A&B Biotech Place. Brad Jones chaired the meeting.

Present: Brad Jones, Sarah Lafferty, Nicholette Allred, Gloria Muday, Tim Howard, David John, Mike Furr, Leah McCoy, Hui-Wen Lo, Steve Robinson,

Absent: Dwayne Godwin, Ralph D'Agostino, Steve Messier, Ed Swords, Steve Walker

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Minutes from the March 1, 2016 meeting (*Attachment*).
Minutes from the March 1, 2016 meeting were discussed and approved.
- B. GSA Report (Julio Aleman)
 1. Carowinds. This sponsored activity will provide graduate students with a relaxed, family friendly environment to meet other students and discuss research. Tickets are on sale and seats are still available on the Charter bus. Activities for the day will include a GSA report of activities.
 2. Socials
 - i. Ronald McDonald House. Graduate students will make dinners in April and May and interact with families.
 - ii. Open Arms Foundation. This foundation supports grade school students of immigrant families. An outing such as bowling or baseball is being considered.
 - iii. Cookout. A cook out at Miller Park is in the planning stages with a target date in May.
 3. Medical Leave. Graduate students would like an update on policy. Currently, students are required to take a 1 year leave of absence when less is needed.
 4. Website. <http://www.gsa.graduate.wfu.edu/leadership-team>
- C. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum (Tim Howard, *Chair*) **1. Course Change Proposals**

Course Number	Course Name	Action
HST 606	The Early Middle Ages	DELETE
HST 609	European International Relations since World War I	ADD
HST 610	20 th -Centruy Eastern Europe	CHANGE
HST 614	European Economic and Social History, 1750-1990	ADD
HST 624	Fashion in the Eighteenth Century	ADD
HST 625	English Kings, Queens, and Spectacle	ADD
HST 627	Profit and Power in Britain	ADD
HST 629	British Empire	ADD
HST 631	The United States in Age of Empire, 1877-1919	ADD
HST 632	The United States and the Global Cold War	CHANGE
HST 634	Mystics, Monarchs, and Masses in South Asian Islam	CHANGE
HST 635	Hindus and Muslims in India, Pakistan, and Beyond	CHANGE
HST 637	Women and Gender in Early America	ADD
HST 638	Sexuality, Race and Class in the U.S. since 1850	CHANGE

HST 639	Sickness and Health in American History	CHANGE
HST 640	Social and Cultural Change in Urban Africa	CHANGE
HST 641	Africans in the Atlantic World, 1750-1815	CHANGE
HST 642	Middle East Before 1500	DELETE
HST 643	Imperial China	DELETE
HST 644	Early Modernity in China	CHANGE
HST 645	Middle East Since 1500	DELETE
HST 646	Japan before 1800	DELETE
HST 647	Japan since World War II	ADD
HST 648	Samurai and Geisha: Fact, Film, and Fiction	CHANGE
HST 653	War and Society in Early America	ADD
HST 656	Jacksonian America, 1815-1850	CHANGE
HST 657	The Civil War and Reconstruction	DELETE
HST 658	Race and the Courts	ADD
HST 659	Prostitutes, Machos, and Travestis: Sex and Gender in Latin-American History	CHANGE
HST 660	Jewish Migrations to the Americas	CHANGE
HST 661	Economic History of the U.S.	ADD
HST 662	American Constitutional History	CHANGE
HST 663	The Making of the Modern South since the Civil War	DELETE
HST 664	The Making of the Modern South since the Civil War	DELETE
HST 665	Modern Native American History	ADD
HST 666	Historic Preservation and Conservation	CHANGE
HST 667	Public History	CHANGE
HST 668	The Sectional Crisis 1820-1860	DELETE
HST 670	Topics in North Carolina History	CHANGE
HST 671	Transgender History, Identity, and Politics in the U.S.	CHANGE
HST 672	Queer Public Histories	ADD
HST 674	Protest and Rebellion in Latin America	CHANGE
HST 675	Black Lives	ADD
HST 677	American Diplomatic History	ADD
HST 678	Race, Memory, and Identity	CHANGE
HST 681	Religious Utopias and the American Experience	ADD
HST 682	Religion in the Development of Higher Education	ADD
HST 683	Revolution and Culture in Latin America	ADD
HST 684	Global Outlaws in History since 1500	CHANGE
HST 686	History of Islamic Law	ADD
HST 687	The Last Great Muslim Empire	CHANGE
HST 689	The British Empire in the Middle East	ADD
HST 691	Making History	CHANGE
NEUR 705/706	Tutorial in Neuroscience: Fall, Spring, Summer terms	CHANGE
TIS 742	Spanish Specialized Translation	ADD

Tim put forward the Couse Change Proposals. Most proposed additions for 600 level courses are where 300 level courses currently exist. Most proposed deletions for 600 level courses are where 300 level courses do no exist.

Most changes are to correct typos with a few exceptions, e.g. HST671, where change proposals are used to bypass add/delete and rename courses and provide new descriptions. It was also put forward that the History department does not have an MS program but the course also support Liberal Studies. All proposals were approved.

B. Credentials (Leah McCoy, *Interim Chair*)

1. Nominations for Graduate Faculty

Name	Department/Graduate Program Affiliation
Mollie Canzona, PhD	Communication
Heath Greene, PhD	Psychology
Donal Mulcahy, PhD	Education
Staci White, PhD	Mathematics
Bernard Roper, PhD	Biomedical Sciences

Leah McCoy put forward the nominations. The nomination form was sufficient demonstration of a role in graduate education for Drs. Canzona, Greene, Mulcahy and White. Their nominations were approved. Concerns were raised for Dr. Roper. Dwayne was to present this faculty member for nomination but was absent. Dr. Roper is appointed to Student Affairs, co-facilitates the MedPath course and mentors post bac students but does not serve on committees. His nomination will be tabled until the next meeting.

2. Re-credentialing Review Update

Leah McCoy and Graduate Council members reviewed 199 re-credentialing applications. Questions were raised for a subset:

- Ramon Casanova - only supplied publications, no indication of teaching, serving on committees or other contributions to graduate education.
- Page West - appointed in the School of Business with no activities in the Graduate School
- Mark Jensen - appointed in the School of Divinity with no activities in the Graduate School
- Stephen Rapp - appointed in the School of Medicine with no activities in the Graduate School

Among applications reviewed to date, ~170 were approved, the four listed above will receive follow-up memos to understand the necessity of appointment as Graduate School faculty and ~30 are still pending review.

C. Policy Committee (David John, *Chair*)

1. Family Leave Policy

David John provided an update on the progress of formalizing a family leave policy. David and Dwayne met with legal last week and a single policy was recommended. It was openly acknowledged that Wake Forest must comply with federal law, e.g. NIH lays out sick and maternity leave. However, as of today, legal has determined we may need two policies and more research needs to be done. It is currently felt that the policy will not be ready to present more broadly, e.g. graduate students, until the fall.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Updated Graduate Bulletin Changes for the MA Program in Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics (Stephen Robinson)

Robert Erhardt presented the changes. As outlined, these changes would create two tracks within the Mathematics and Statistics department: Track 1. Mathematics and Track 2. Mathematical Statistics. There are now 9 graduate level courses and the new text would outline/update course requirements. The track distinction would only be made once a student was accepted to the program, i.e. recruitment would not change. The change was approved.

B. Melson Award

PhD: Cody Siciliano

MS: Timothy Valshtein

C. David John –“ \$75,040”

Graduate programs on the Reynolda campus have been asked to raise money to support the equivalent of two full time or 10 PTS (part time tuition scholarship). Discussion centered around support of the graduate program, the quality of graduate students being recruited without scholarships, and cost associated with faculty and technicians assuming these teaching roles. Some departments have been able to make up the difference while others are having difficulty. Discussions will continue as to how to make this work.

D. Reynolda Campus Graduate Program Directors Report (see attachments ‘Report Summary’ and ‘Individual Program Reports’) (Eric Stone, William Turkett, Martin Guthold)

Eric Stone presented the report which summarizes a lack of financial support for graduate education, e.g. no increase in TA stipends making us less competitive with other programs as well as a new “tax” assessment on graduate student revenue. The document lays out five ways the graduate program contributes to the school: 1) promotes faculty recruitment and retention, 2) contribute to research, 3) participate in undergraduate education, 4) interact with the local community and 5) enhance the University’s reputation. This report has been signed by all chairs and program directors. Eric requested the endorsement of the Graduate Council. There was a motion to approve support of the Graduate Education document and it was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.