

Minutes

The third meeting of the Graduate Council for 2016-2017 year took place on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Autumn Room, Reynolda Hall, Reynolda Campus.

Present: Nichole Allred, Mike Furr, David John, Leah McCoy, Gloria Muday, Ellen Kirkman, Tim Howard, Erik Brady, Brad Jones, Sarah Lafferty

Absent: Ananda Mitra, Jason Grayson, Robert Hampson, Ralph D'Agostino, Hui-Wen Lo

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. 10-3-16 Graduate Council Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved

2. GSA Report

The GSA Representative was unable to attend the meeting and did not provide any updates.

3. Committee Reports

a. Curriculum Committee (Leah McCoy, Chair)

1. Course Change Proposals

Course Number	Course Name	Action
ART 600	Introduction to Filmmaking	CHANGE
ART 614	Filmmaking: Site Specific	CHANGE
ART 624	Filmmaking: Cyberspace	CHANGE
ART 628	Filmmaking: Theatre Works	CHANGE
BICM	All Courses PREFIX: <i>BICM to BAMB</i>	CHANGE
BMES 612	Musculoskeletal Biomechanics and Biologic Control	CHANGE
GRAD 701	Seminars in Professional and Career Development	CHANGE
GRAD Thesis Only		ADD
NEUR 710	Human Gross Anatomy	CHANGE
REL 667	Christian Mysticism	CHANGE

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the submitted course changes. The following were recommended for approval without further conversation:

ART 600
ART 614
ART 624
ART 628
BMES 612
NEUR 710
REL667



The two following submissions were discussed by the Graduate Council:

BICM All Courses PREFIX: *BICM* to *BAMB* CHANGE

Biochemistry submitted a request to change their prefix (BICM) to BAMB to more accurately reflect both Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. The committee felt the only potential conflict with this new name is the new undergraduate program prefix for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology on the Reynolda Campus; BMB. Erik Brady agreed to ask Susan Pierce whether rethinking BAMB would create a problem (as to avoid confusion). The committee recommended approval, but Erik Brady agreed that if it needs to change again, they will re-submit to the Graduate Council.

**GRAD 701 Seminars in Professional and Career Development CHANGE
GRAD Thesis Only ADD**

A Seminar class has been on the books for a long time as a Thesis only course. This GRAD-THESIS ONLY allows students to stay enrolled for a very nominal fee (similarly to the Reynolda Campus' GradFee, which does not appear in the bulletin as a course—just a fee. Students register for GradFee, but it does not carry any credit hours nor course number). Dr. Brady requested this change as “GRAD Thesis Only” based on concerns that it is not graded, thus academic progress cannot be measured, and a very low associate dollar amount has led to it being abused (allowing students to skip journal clubs, etc.). With growth of Masters Programs on the BG campus, there are and will continue to be more instances of students registering for ‘Thesis Only’ in order to save money. This change would formalize the course and clarify the process surrounding its usage.

The Council raised the following question: after students pass their qualifying exams, this became a savings for the Graduate School because it didn't cost the Graduate School in tuition. If we define the rules, would it limit it and cost the Graduate School?

Dean Jones would prefer that “Thesis Only” and “GradFee” remain separate.

- The Council recommended that Dr. Brady change language on the course form to “enrolled in Bowman Gray Program”
- Erik Brady will also update the wording to clarify “BG student” and send to Sarah Lafferty.
- The committee recommends approval, pending wording changes from Erik Brady

All submitted changes were recommended for approval. This motion was seconded.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Credentials Committee (Nichollette Allred, Chair)

1. Nominations for Graduate Faculty

Name	Department/Graduate Program Affiliation
Margaret Zulick, PhD	Communication
Jeffrey Denney, MD	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Grey Ballard, PhD	Computer Science

The Committee recommended that Margaret Zulick and Grey Ballard be approved for Graduate Faculty Membership. The Committee requested further discussion over Dr. Jeffrey Denney's nomination.

Jeffery Denney

Dr. Denney is not currently mentoring any Graduate Students, but has been advisor in the past. His department chair encouraged him to join the Graduate Faculty. However, it is possible that he might be needed to mentor students in the Biomedical Science Master Program and we do not want to limit that future involvement. The committee raised the question of whether he would be eligible for temporary status (as this is historically reserved for one committee or a particular student)? This is not the case of being a recent graduate of a Doctoral program (as we approve and allow the individual to prove their eligibility & involvement over the 5-year GF term).

**The Committee made a motion to approve the nominations of Margaret Zulick and Grey Ballard, and 3-year Temporary status for Jeffrey Denney.
Seconded, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

2. Re-credentialing

William Connor - **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

c. Policy Committee (David John, Chair)

1. Leave of Absence Policy

The Graduate Council discussed another draft of the Leave of Absence Policy. Students were encountering a lack of uniformity in treatment in taking a leave of absence from department to department, hence the need for formalization of a policy. The Policy Committee has been collaborating with the Legal Department on the wording; as the Graduate School must comply with State & Federal laws and regulations.

Points:

- Students will have to consult their health insurance providers & International Studies regarding VISA's.
- Leave of Absence is not a withdrawal from university, and is an assumption that of the return of the student.



- With regard to the issue of stipends, a student may not qualify for stipend support. That is dependent on whether the students' funding agency provides supports (i.e. NIH).
- This policy will not state the reasons for leave of absence.

The committee would like to table this discussion/item until first 2017 Graduate Council meeting

d. **(ADD THIS TO EVERY AGENDA) LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** Gloria Muday

2. Letters to and from Provost

Mike Furr and Ellen Kirkman volunteered to be on committee, and Dwayne Godwin nominated Allyn Howlett to also be on committee. Committee needs another member from Bowman Gray campus. Erik Brady volunteered to find someone from the Bowman Gray Campus to fill this spot. The committee discussed possible next steps (i.e. Suggestions for sources for funding, stipends might be the Program Directors' best option for reasoning).

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE COUNCIL WILL NOT MEET IN JANUARY 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18