

Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes  
February 10, 2014

Members Present: Robert A. Vaughan, Jr. (Chair), Deborah Deckner, Elliot Krop, Craig Hill, Betty Lane (for Victoria Foster), Ali Dadpay, R. B. Rosenberg, Richard Pearce-Moses, Linda Nash, Patricia Smith, Ruth Caillouet (for Mari Roberts), Dennis Attick, Tom McIlwain, Christopher Raridan, Jennell Charles, Susan Ashford and Celeste Walley-Jean.

Members Not Present: Susan Copeland

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes from January 13, 2014 Graduate Affairs Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Smith and approved by the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the Graduate Faculty applications listed below:

- Leon Preto (Ph.D.), College of Business (Full) – recommendation to approve was made by McIlwain, seconded by Hill, approved by the Committee.
- Pearl Chang (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Affiliate – 3 years) – recommendation to approve was made by Hill, seconded by Dadpay, and approved by the Committee.
- Eckart Wether (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full) – recommendation to approve was made by Dadpay, seconded by Krop, and approved by the Committee

Dr. Walley-Jean reviewed the proposed changes for the non-credit type requirements for the Psychology degree program. Since the approval for the course changes were not yet available from the Arts and Sciences curriculum committee the proposal was tabled until the March meeting.

Dr. Deckner reviewed the updates to the graduate faculty workload policy proposal. She noted there was no electronic vote as several members made additional suggestions and it would be best for the entire committee to review the proposal before forwarding it to the next level. The committee discussed several changes to the various bullet points in the document. Deckner and Caillouet will refine the document's language and send it to the committee for review.

Mr. Pearce-Moses discussed the language for the suspension, termination and grades of "C" policies. A motion to approve the new language was made by

Nash, seconded by Pearce-Moses, and approved by the committee. The approved language is:

No more than two courses with a grade of "C" may count towards a graduate degree. Courses with a grade that is less than "C" may not count toward fulfillment of the degree requirements. All courses attempted are included in the GPA calculation, even if not counted towards the degree. If a course is repeated, the original grade is not replaced by the repeated grade.

A student who has earned a third grade of C, or a less-than-satisfactory grade of D, F, or WF shall be dismissed from his/her graduate program. If the student has at least a cumulative 3.0 in the previous semester, he or she may request to be reinstated with a plan of study, approved by the program director and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies that would ensure the student has satisfactory grades in all required courses and can graduate with a 3.0 GPA. Such a revised course of study will likely require retaking a course or taking additional courses beyond the required minimum. Students who are readmitted must meet the requirements of the plan of study or will be dismissed without appeal.

Since the next Graduate Affairs Committee meeting is the week of spring break, Dr. Vaughan will send a doodle poll to determine a new date for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.  
Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor