

## GRADUATE AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Friday, February 27, 2015

1:00 p.m. – Heth Hall 043

**PRESENT:** Dennis Grady (*presiding*), Laura Jacobsen (*ex officio*), Olga Pogorelsky for Matthew Brunner, Virginia Burggraf, Joan Dickinson, Lori Elis, Ann Elliott, Lauren Flora, James Gumaer, Ruth Riding-Malon for Sarah Hastings, Kristen Jagger, Kay Johnson, Douglas Mitchell, Eloise Philpot, Stacy Turmel, Brenda Tyler, Patricia Winter, Paul Witkowski

**Staff:** Patricia Phillips (*recorder*), Becca Conner, Michele Ralston, Donna Spradlin

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:03 p.m. by Dr. Dennis Grady.

### 2. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2015 GAC meeting. The minutes were approved by consensus.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dean Grady gave a PowerPoint presentation of the results of the exit survey that is given to all graduate students. A discussion was held on adding more options for answers to the survey questions.
- Dr. Jacobsen gave a report on the number of applications as of today. Compared to last year we are up a total of 28 completed applications. The total number of accepted applications is down a little from this time last year. These numbers are program specific so please be diligent about checking Admit for applications.
- Dean Grady announced that approximately 38 students have applied for the Graduate Student Professional Development Award and that there is still approximately \$28,000 left in the budget. Patricia also announced that students have to apply for funding before they can submit a Request for Travel form.
- Dr. Jacobsen announced that so far this semester that there has been one Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop. Ellen Taylor presented on managing your social media image. The workshop was announced through the graduate student listserve and was excellent, yet only one student attended. So a plea has been sent out requesting suggestions for how to engage students.
- The fiscal year for spending recruitment funding is coming to an end. Please spend your money and if the plans have changed in how you want to spend the money, let us know.

- The Faculty Senate approved the name change of the Graduate College to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. This will now go to the Provost and then to the Board of Visitors in May.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- At the February 6<sup>th</sup> GAC meeting the Policies and Procedures Committee presented a proposed language change in the catalog regarding the Three “C” Rule. The language as proposed is:
  - At any time, a student who receives three grades of “C” or lower in any work attempted at Radford University at the 500-level or above while classified as a graduate student shall be dismissed. This includes graduate supporting coursework and courses taken as a non-degree seeking student. Programs may be more but not less stringent than this criterion. All program- specific dismissal policies must be reviewed and approved by the dean of the Graduate College before adoption by a program.

There was some discussion and the motion passed by consensus.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

- The new slogan for Radford University has been announced and it is, “The reason is Radford.” Please let the consultants know your thoughts on this slogan.
- Dean Grady announced that the first MOOC class was presented to Graduate Admissions this week with a request for transfer credit. It was an introductory class for Physical Therapy. The DPT program ultimately denied the request for reasons that included that there was no way to verify whether the student who received the grade was the same person who was enrolled. Discussion followed.

#### 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**Graduate Faculty** – A report of 2 graduate faculty applications were processed since the last GAC meeting on February 6, 2015. The report was accepted as presented. (See attached).

**Academic Course and Program Review** – Dr. Jacobsen reported that there was only one proposal that went through the committee and that was: BIOL 01-15-121214 Course Title Change – BIOL 541/641 from “Human Genetics” changed to “Genetics and Genomics for Health Care Professional”

**Policies and Procedures Committee** – See Old Business section. There will be a meeting forthcoming.

#### 7. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Application change season is coming up in April. A couple resources that are available, but not being used right now are Apply Cam and Video Interviewing.

- Just as a reminder that a “B-“ is not a passing grade.
- Dean Grady announced a couple significant changes for the Academic Program and Course Review. Hopefully by next fall there will be a revised version of the Academic Program review process.
  - Those programs that do not have national accreditation when they go through the review process will be provided funds to bring in an external reviewer as part of the review process.
  - The Provost wants some kind of forward-looking statement from programs, including how they would like to be five years from now, and steps to be taken to get there.

**8. ADJOURN**

Dr. Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

**February 27, 2015**  
**Graduate Faculty Application Status**  
(Approved Since Last Graduate Affairs Council Meeting)

**Full Graduate Faculty Status - 5 year term**

Name	Dept	Limitation(s)
Sarah Gilbert	NURS	NURS 700, 702, 800, GERO 601,
William Scott	COED	602

**Associate Graduate Faculty Status - 3 year term**

Name	Dept	Limitation(s)
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