

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING**  
Continuing Education Multi Purpose Room 125

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 • 2:00-3:30PM

Presiding: Dr. LaDelle Olion, Chair

**Call to Order**

Upon arrival attendees were given, for their review, a folder containing the meeting agenda and minutes from the last council meeting and the meeting of the Graduate Council of the Fayetteville State University Graduate School was called to order by Dr. LaDelle Olion, Chair.

**Attendance**

**Present:** Dr. Amy Craddock, Dr. Chester Dilday, Dr. Aminifu Harvey, Dr. Terrance Hicks, Dr. Ngozi Kamalu, Dr. Kim Kirkpatrick, Dr. Priscilla Manarino-Leggett, Dr. Subir Nagdas, Dr. LaDelle Olion, Dr. Blanche Radford-Curry (on behalf of Dr. Barlow), Dr. Mohsen Soiussi, Dr. Dawn Wilson, Dr. Linda Wilson-Jones, Dr. Bo Zhang, Dr. Zimmerman, and Dr. Mei-Chuan Wang (on behalf of Dr. Thomas Van Cantfort)

**Absent:** Dr. Akbar Aghajanian, Dr. David Barlow, Dr. Charletta Barringer-Brown, Ms. Ramita Chitakar, Dr. Leontye Lewis, and Dr. Geraldine Munn, Dr. Assad Tavakoli, and Dr. Thomas Van Cantfort

**Approval of Minutes (*agenda attachment 1*)**

The minutes from the January 17 Graduate Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Dr. Kirkpatrick and seconded by Dr. Craddock. The minutes were approved.

**Academic Policy and Evaluation Committee Report (*agenda attachments 2-5*)**

Dr. Wilson-Jones was not available to make a report. However, Dr. Olion, who was attended the Academic Policy and Evaluation Committee meeting, presented to the Council on behalf of the Committee. The following four items and recommendations by the Academic Policy and Evaluation Committee were reviewed, discussed, and responded to as follows:

**██████████: Appeal to Extend Program**

**Appeal:** Requesting program deadline be extended due to medical hardship. Medical evidence and a recommendation for an extension signed by her advisor, department chair, and dean were provided.

**Recommendation:** The Committee moved and recommended that she be allowed a one (1) year extension. A motion to approve the recommendation to grant ██████████ a one-year extension to complete her program was made by Dr. Craddock and seconded by Dr. Harvey. In discussion, Dr. Radford-Curry inquired about medical leave for 2008. It was determined by documents provided that ██████████ took classes in 2008. There was no other discussion and the motion passed.

**Reaffirmation of Student Status (*agenda attachment 3*)**

Dr. Olion read and explained the Reaffirmation of Student Status to the Committee.

**Rationale for Change in Graduate Student Classification (*agenda attachment 4*)**

Dr. Olion stated that the Rationale for Change in Graduate Student Classification in agenda attachment #4 explained some of the reasons we need to revert back to the policy. He noted the following:

- 1) Classifying all students with a bachelor's degree as graduate students would make them eligible for more financial aid. Approximately 171 professional development students and approximately 101 licensure students would be affected;
- 2) Students with a baccalaureate degree who are classified as an undergraduate student must pay a supplemental fee once they reach a certain number of hours. This may be detrimental to students as they sometimes pay more money than they would if they were classified as a graduate student. Dr. Radford-Curry asked about the hour limit as an undergraduate before they are billed a supplemental fee. Dr. Olion stated that he thought it was 140 hours;
- 3) Some students with degrees register as undergraduates in order to pay lower fees. However, many students, particularly licensure students, would be better advised to enroll in the MAT program thus saving them time and money by taking graduate classes versus undergraduate classes;
- 4) Confusion. Some degreed students are categorized as undergraduate students but are assisted by The Graduate School; and
- 5) Some students placed in the undergraduate category in order to pay lower fees come back later requesting to be classified as graduate students, so they can receive graduate credit. Unfortunately, undergraduate hours do not count in some school systems when it comes to increments in salary.

Finally, Dr. Olion stated that we are losing over \$200,000 a year, or approximately \$100,000 per semester in fees and tuition. The University would benefit greatly if the students were counted as graduate students because a graduate student only needs to have 9 credits in order to be considered a full time student. Dr. Dilday stated that FSU has the lowest fees in the UNC system. Dr. Olion noted that Fayetteville State has priced itself way under the market as far as tuition and fees are concerned. The Graduate School needs to have the fee structure in place to support and promote needed programs. Even with these recommended changes our charges will still be lower than most of our colleagues.

Response: Dr. Wilson-Jones stated that the Committee agreed with the rational presented. Dr. Wilson-Jones made a motion to approve the Reaffirmation –top four lines; seconded by Dr. Kirkpatrick. After much discussion, Dr. Kirkpatrick suggested that

wordage in the reaffirmation be revised in bold print to state the following: “All Students (graduate degree seeking or non-graduate degree seeking) holding a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and who attend Fayetteville State University are classified as graduate students. Students seeking a second undergraduate degree are classified as undergraduate students.” This would pacify some students who hold a baccalaureate, but who don’t wish to pursue a graduate degree. The motion passed with two nays.

### **Categories of Admission (*agenda attachment 3*)**

Dr. Olion reviewed the two categories of admission, degree seeking and non-degree seeking, and the changes requested as shown in the Reaffirmation of Student Status: Specific Changes (attachment 5). He stated that The Graduate The Graduate School would like to go back to a provisional admission under degree seeking and add a caveat with provisional and professional development where students cannot take more than 12 semester hours credit before they would have to change their admission status. This would assist with advisement and low productivity programs. Special emphasis would be placed on #6 which states “Students should see the respective academic department for additional program requirements.” Information would be sent to departments who would decide whether students are accepted provisionally.

Response: After much discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Wilson-Jones to accept the Reaffirmation of Student Status, Rational, and Specific Changes as described in agenda attachments 3-5; seconded by Dr. Wilson. The motion passed.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Graduate Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 2PM in the Multi Purpose Room #125 of the Continuing Education Building.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Special thanks to Ms. Peggy Shropshire for her assistance during my absence by providing notes and a recording of the meeting. *Please forward questions or corrections to Deborah Robinson at [d robinson@uncfsu.edu](mailto:d robinson@uncfsu.edu)* . Thank you.