

**Graduate Council  
Minutes  
November 5, 2021**

The Graduate Council met on Friday, November 5, 2021 at 1:00 pm in the UC Dogwood Room.

Members present: J. Bowers-Campbell (H. Grappendorf proxy), L. Hammer, B. Kloeppel, R. Laboray, T. Orr, M. Snyder (J. Carzoli and D. Hudson proxy), D. Solomon, A. Storm (H. Rimes proxy), A. Stuckey, and P. Yanik (N. Granda-Marulanda proxy)

Members absent: J. Campbell, D. Carnes, J. Carzoli, M. Claxton, H. Grappendorf, N. Granda-Marulanda, Y. Hillon, D. Hudson, C. Parrish, H. Rimes, D. Spencer, C. Thomas, and Y. Yan

Others present: R. Stiles, Wes Stone, Chip Ferguson, Ann Hallyburton (attending for C. Thomas)

**Approval of the Minutes** Motion and second to approve the minutes for the October 8, 2021 meeting. Motion passed with one edit: M. Snyder attended October meeting.

**Program Updates**

MSE Program presented by Paul Yanik, Wes Stone, and Chip Ferguson. Brian Kloeppel asked for the Council's guidance via a non-binding vote. Graduate Council approved support of the program when a proposal is prepared.

Registrar's Office has hired Mandy Reavis to replace Ami Goodlake.

Psychology program is working on curriculum changes.

The programs in the new Apodaca building are still settling in with minor adjustments.

School of Health Sciences is working on reaccreditation.

School of Engineering and Technology saw an increased number of international graduate applications for Spring 2022.

**Academic Policy and Graduate Faculty Review**

The following persons were approved by the Graduate Faculty Review Committee as members of the graduate faculty and came as a seconded motion for approval and were approved.

Mrs. Heidi Dent	Human Services	Affiliate
Mr. Ken O'Donnell	Human Services	Affiliate
Dr. Marcus Whichard	Human Services	Affiliate
Dr. Jason Chambers	Human Services	Affiliate
Ms. Kathy Amos	Human Services	Affiliate
Dr. Beth Stewart	Human Services	Affiliate
Dr. Joe Bullis	Human Services	Affiliate
Mr. Robert Semple	Human Services	Affiliate

**Curriculum Review**

**MATH - 541 - Introduction to Numerical Analysis  
Graduate Course Change Proposal - Fast Track**

Most of our 500-level graduate mathematics courses are cross-listed with 400-level undergraduate courses which do have prerequisites (listed by their WCU course numbers). To avoid unnecessary registration errors, as most graduate

students do not have undergraduate transcripts mapped to WCU's prerequisite courses, these prerequisites were not intended to be required for the graduate-level courses.

In order to avoid requiring overrides for every graduate student wishing to take Math 541 or Math 570, we are proposing removal of the prerequisite courses.

Approved.

### **MATH - 570 - Probability and Statistics II unanimous ayes Graduate Course Change Proposal - Fast Track**

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In order to avoid requiring overrides for every graduate student wishing to take Math 541 or Math 570, we are proposing removal of the prerequisite courses.

In addition to removal of the prerequisite courses, we would like to change the course description to be more consistent with the learning objectives.

We change the title of MATH 570 to match the name of MAT 470 which is usually cross-listed with MATH 570.

Approved.

#### **Financial Assistance**

No update from the Financial Assistance Committee.

#### **Dean Report**

##### **Program Review**

The Research Administration Administrative Unit Review scheduled for October 25 and 26 has been completed.

#### **Associate Dean Report**

No report.

#### **Agenda**

WCU Library Electronic Theses, Dissertations, and Disquisitions Discussion

- Issue with ProQuest Subscription
- Electronic steps to ascension theses, dissertations, disquisitions
- Potential access with NC Docks
- Lost access to past theses, dissertations, disquisitions

At the January 2020 Graduate Council meeting, Hunter Library made a request to end the requirement for students to submit a print version of their thesis/disquisition/dissertation to Hunter Library. The Graduate Council approved the request, but in the interim the practice of submitting a print copy to Hunter Library has continued. The Dean of Hunter Library asked the Graduate Council if further approval is needed to end this practice. The Graduate Council Policy Committee will review this change in practice and make recommendations about how to end the practice. The practice is a Graduate Catalog policy for thesis submission so the change will need to be vetted and approved through the Graduate Catalog policy change process.

The Dean of Hunter Library gave a presentation on "ETDDs at WCU: Planning for the Future."

- Issues discussed with the Graduate Council after the presentation included:
- No ProQuest subscription. Is there funding available?
- The ProQuest database is available for students to submit their thesis/disquisition/dissertation but the database cannot be accessed without a subscription.
- What to do about the legacy print collection? Digitize?

- Should NC Docks (the UNC System database) be designated as the archive for the official copy of record?
- Should copies be purchased for ProQuest?
- The cost of maintaining print copies of thesis/disquisitions.
- Is publication required?
- Will access to published documents be maintained?

### **Future Agenda Topics**

Discussion regarding enrollment in a graduate degree program and a graduate certificate program at the same time.

Number of total credits an undergraduate student is allowed to take and apply to an Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's program (ABM).

Allowing transfer credit from a previously earned graduate degree.

Discuss total transfer credit policy limits.

Discuss allowing "C" grade courses for transfer credit.

Discuss a graduate grade forgiveness and/or replacement policy.

Theses, Dissertations, and Disquisitions Discussion

### **Graduate Council Agenda Topics**

Please send Dean Kloeppel Graduate Council agenda topics for the 2021-22 academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Submitted by – Roxane Stiles

Please note: All attachments are on file in the Graduate School with the Graduate Council meeting minutes.