

## **Graduate Council Meeting**

**April 16, 2009**

### **Minutes**

Attendance: Brian Johnson, Wendy Highby, Flo Guido-DiBrito, Tracy Mueller, James Holland, Sean O'Halloran, Susan Collins, Angela Henderson, Dianna Gray, Frances Braafhart, recording secretary

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The agenda was approved by vote. The February 19 minutes were approved by vote.

#### **Dean Remarks**

Robbyn has been researching the cost of Graduate education relative to Undergrad education. She discovered and many have suspected that it more expensive to deliver graduate education. Michelle Quinn, AVP for Financial Services has done a fantastic job in costing graduate programs to graduate education. Michelle and Robbyn are proposing to move forward with graduate tuition pricing in 3 buckets so to speak:

- Education bucket for programs whose targets are teachers and principals
- General bucket which would include all other programs with lower costs to deliver
- High cost bucket such as the sciences ; higher cost to deliver these programs: Nursing, Chemistry, Biology
- Tuition minus tuition discounting equal net revenue
- Buckets allow the university to right price tuition

When you look at the "High bucket" , tuition at UNC is still under priced. When we compare tuition, UNC is still in line with tuition rates at other universities. CSU may comparatively look cheaper but fees are not identified until student signs up for courses.

Discount pricing will allow more strategic assistance by demand to level and also:

- Think differently on how we support students through pricing
- Help us to be more competitive
- Diversify assistantships
- Help in recruitment and recruit the right mix of half time and full time awards
- Assistantships will allow graduate the opportunity for research as well as teaching
- Revenue derived from this model goes back to subsidize the University or faculty workload

Robbyn has also developed a new model in how GA/TA allocations are distributed to the colleges using discounting of tuition. This model will allow the Graduate School to get a better sense of what tuition costs will be each year. The TA/GA allocation for 2009-10 will be more prescriptive. By regulating the number and types of assistantships each college/program area will receive, the Graduate School will be able to projects needs and costs for the next fiscal year.

Much of the statistical information Robbyn used in formulating this new model came from the McGuire Study. Robbyn will share the study with Council members. Council thanked Robbyn for all the work she has done on this new model and graduate education.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **GSA Report**

James reported that GSA received a 7.5% budget increase from SRC. GSA is currently searching for a new president. Brendan Dwyer will serve as interim President until new president is hired. GSA will use the increase to grant funding (and cover dissertation support) but may have to make cuts in other areas such as the Graduate BBQ.

## **Standards**

Rutilio reported that Standards reviewed 3 new appointments and 9 reappointments. All were approved as forwarded. The Committee added that the use of the Bear Drive worked well for everyone in the review of applications.

## **Program Review**

No report; however, Brian Johnson did comment that Program Reviews function is to review new programs, but the committee did not have the opportunity to review the new Criminal Justice Masters program. The Committee did question the SRM offering by Criminal Justice. Robbyn will work on a process to forward the "new" programs to Program Review for their review by way of the Curriculum Tracker.

Robbyn discussed the Graduate Exit Survey. The survey was stopped due to only a 1-2% response, but there is a need to bring this back and Robbyn asked for help from the committee. Suggestion was made to have the student complete the survey as part of their application for graduation process. The survey would gather information regarding the quality of service graduates receive from the Graduate School and also the quality of their experience. Brian volunteered to help with the project.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Sean reported that she will be returning to Council for the 2009-10 academic year. There are things she was not able to accomplish during her term on Council and her term as Chair. She encouraged faculty whose terms were expiring to nominate a faculty member to serve on Council. Tracy Mueller and Robert Murray will not be returning as their terms have expired. There are 3 openings in EBS, 1 in PVA and 1 in NHS.

Sean provided an update on her proposal to increase the membership on Council. The request was forwarded and approved by Codification and now goes to Faculty Senate. We did not make the deadline for this year and will forward the request to Faculty Senate in August. We will not have new members until spring 2010.

May 7<sup>th</sup> is the final Graduate Council meeting for the 2008-09 academic year. Elections for Council seats will be done at the final meeting.

Dean Wacker thanked all Council members for their help in the review of nominations/dissertations for the Dean's Citation for Excellence awards. Dean's Citation for Excellence awardees will be recognized in the program, but due to printing deadlines, awardees for Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation will not be listed in the program; however, all honors will be recognized at Graduate Commencement.

The electronic version of the Graduate Faculty application for appointment/reappointment is ready to go live. The new application will be put in place for fall 2009.

There was discussion regarding Summer GRA's and whether an award can be given to a non faculty. The criteria does not exclude non faculty from forwarding a proposal and the request for GA support with research.

## **Comments for the Good of the Order**

The Graduate Faculty meeting is scheduled for April 21 from 2-3 p.m. From 1-2 p.m., the Library is sponsoring a presentation from Kevin Smith, Duke University, regarding "Author's Rights."

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.