

Graduate Council Meeting

May 7, 2009

Minutes

Attendance: Susan Collins Flo Guido-DiBrito, Brian Johnson, Rutilio Martinez, Sean O'Halloran, Robbyn Wacker, France Braafhart (recording secretary)

Absent: Angela Henderson, Wendy Highby, Dianna Gray, Tracy Mueller, Robert Murray

INFORMATION ITEMS

There was a motion to approve the May 7th agenda. Motion was seconded and agenda was approved. A motion was made to approve the April 16 minutes. Motion was seconded.

Chair Remarks:

Sean reminded Council members regarding the Dean's Citation for Excellence reception on Friday, May 8th at 5 p.m. She encouraged all to attend.

Sean reported to Council that she is still seeking approval to increase membership to Graduate Council.

Dean's Remarks:

Robbyn announced that Robert Murray is leaving the university. Robert has served on Graduate Council representing PVA from fall 2006-spring 2009.

ACTION ITEMS

Standards

Rutilio reported that Standards Committee had received and reviewed 16 new applications and only one was not approved the status requested. The faculty requested GF but was granted Grad Lecturer (GL). Not enough contributions to qualify for GF.

The committee reviewed 4 applications a second time that had not gone forward to Council due to the April snowstorm. Although Standards did review again, the outcome was the same; the four apps reviewed were not approved the requested status due to lack of publications. These faculty members were granted GL status and are authorized to teach Grad level courses. Faculty with GL status will not typically serve on committees. The committee recommended that a faculty member for Ed Leadership reapply in the fall for GF status.

Robbyn discussed the GF Appointment/Reappointment process. Robbyn would like to look at changing the bylaws. She would also like to re-do the letters that are sent to faculty. Robbyn would like to see the rejection letters individualized to inform faculty why they did not qualify for a particular status. As we plan new faculty orientation, we need to do a better job of communicating information regarding GL, GF and DRE status.

PROGRAM REVIEW

No report

There was discussion regarding the curriculum process and Program Review's involvement. Program Review used to be involved in the review of new programs, but somehow Council has been bypassed.

Robbyn suggested we invite Kim Black, director of assessment, to come to a meeting to talk about Program Review. Council will invite Kim to attend a Council meeting in the fall.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Sean discussed the need for additional members to Graduate Council. The request was forwarded to the Codification Committee and approved. From Codification, the request will go to Faculty Senate. Once approved by Senate, Graduate Council shall request additional call for nominations be added to the ballot.

Robbyn updated the Council on the new TA/GA differential tuition model. The new model was approved by the BOT subcommittee and will go forward for approval by the BOT. Robbyn is still working with Michelle Quinn in finalizing the pricing of the buckets (High, Medium, General) to implement in the fall. Most students will fall into the "General" bucket.

If UNC increases tuition, we need to implement discounting. We do have discounting at the masters level, but we need to provide the same level of support to doctoral students.

Robbyn will be sending out an email to Council members regarding different projects she hopes to work on during the summer. If you would like to assist with any of the projects, please let Robbyn or Frances know.

There was discussion about changing the review process for new faculty coming to UNC. Faculty are needing graduate lecturer status right away. Robbyn would like to see this process provide new faculty with their lecturer status as soon as they arrive on campus. Standards will review.

The new graduate faculty application and process will be ready to roll out for fall 2009. The process will be totally electronic. The new application will be ready for new appointments as well as reappointments.

Spring graduate numbers were as follows: 400 graduates and 37 doctoral students

COMMENTS

For fall 2009, the following motions were made and approved:

Vice Chair Graduate Council – Flo Guido-DiBrito

Standards Committee Chair – Rutilio Martinez

Program Review Chair – Brian Johnson

Vice Chair Program Review – Flo Guido-DiBrito