
OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Alarie, William DeLuca (substituting for John Park), Craig Friend (substituting for Vicki Gallaher), Charles Stark, Ellen Vasu

1. Announcements

Dr. Larick announced that the New Student Orientation will take place on August 18. He also announced there would be an August 6 DGP Summer Workshop.

2. Enrollment Update

Dr. Larick reported number for enrollment looks good, but cautions that with the budget cuts, enrollments might decrease for next year.

3. Operational Items

Elimination of Prerequisites, College of Education

Discontinuation of the Master of Agricultural and Resource Economics (has already been voted on and eliminated at the UNC-GA level)

Approved

4. New Programs

Graduate Certificate in Feed Science
Dr. Charles Stark introduced this program to the Board. Questions revolved around clarification of credit hours and C- grades, the request for a description of the practicum, and a minor edit to change the wording from three electives to three credit hours of elective. There was concern and confusion regarding the granting of credit for both FS 425 and FS 525. If FS 525 provides a large amount of the same content as is delivered in FS 425, it could be problematic to give credit for both courses.

Approved with edits

Reorganization of the Department of Curriculum & Instruction Graduate Programs

Dr. Ellen Vasu introduced these curriculum changes to the Board.

- Proposal for M.Ed. and M.S. in Counselor Education – Increase of required credit hours
  
  Approved

- Proposal for M.Ed. and M.S. in Instructional Technology Program – Decrease in the required number of credit hours
  
  Approved

- Executive Summary of Proposed Curriculum Changes in Master’s Degrees M.Ed., Option B and M.S. (Introduction material to the proposed changes below.)
  - Curriculum & Instruction M.Ed., Option B and M.S. – Decrease in the number of credit hours required.
    
    Questions were raised about what is being eliminated to decrease the credit hours.

    Approved

  - Special Education M.Ed., Option B – Decrease in the number of credit hours required.

    Approved

  - Curriculum & Instruction M.Ed., Option B and M.S. – Create new concentrations in New Literacies and Global Learning and Curriculum and Development Supervision
Approved

- Curriculum & Instruction Degree Program Discontinuation of M.Ed., Option B and M.S. in the following areas: Reading Education, Social Studies Education, English Education, and Middle Grades Education

Approved

5. Discussion Items:

a. Masters degree nomenclature (Masters of Science - thesis and non-thesis; Masters of a Discipline; Masters of a Discipline or non-thesis program Option B). Do we need them all? Could the nomenclature be changed? The current nomenclature can be found at: http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/handbook/section3_8.php.

Dr. Larick indicated that using templates for Master of Science to differentiate between thesis and nonthesis seems to be working well and the Graduate School will know which milestones are required, although the template doesn't allow for designation of a thesis or non-thesis on the transcript.

i. Course Syllabus Regulations and Syllabus Tool
   http://delta.ncsu.edu/test/apps/syllabus_tool/

The Associate Deans reviewed the policy approved by UCCC and declined to approve. They have asked UCCC to pare down the requirements on the syllabus. The Associate Deans suggested wording and will be meeting on June 18 to vote on the revised policy. The syllabus tool has been decoupled from the syllabus regulations.

j. Edit to Masters Degree Requirements

   With minor edits in D 3 and D 9 the word, “fully” was replaced with the word “letter”; capped xxx in D 5; and added this sentence to D 6 (See Section 3.1a Multiple Master's Degrees); added the words “by the DGP” to D 7 after the phrase “may be considered”.

   Approved with edits

k. Graduate School Representatives

   Dr. Willits raised two issues related to Graduate School representation on graduate student committees.
The first issue was related to the recently implemented requirement for a Graduate School Representative at Masters final defenses if the defense was to be done utilizing remote technology. Since Masters exams are not scheduled by the Graduate School, this requirement is not practical and cannot be enforced. The Board voted to eliminate this requirement and to allow Dr. Willits to make the appropriate text changes.

The second issue is related to the requirement for a Graduate School representative or “outside” representative on all doctoral committees and what it means to be an “unbiased” representative of the Graduate School. Given the data currently available in PeopleSoft HR and SIS, two options were presented. The first was to simply use the “tenure home department” to determine eligibility as an outside representative. This would work in most cases but is problematic for interdisciplinary program in that anyone could serve as the outside representative because no one has the interdisciplinary program as their tenure home. The second option was to utilize the recently implemented POW/Committee process to allow the student and DGP to designate someone as the outside representative. The e-mail sent to this individual would outline their role and that person and the DGP would have the option of accepting or declining that role. Dr. Willits will look into the possibility of implementing this option.

I. External Doctoral Minors

Minors can be granted at the doctoral level for work completed at another institution and is stated in the Graduate Handbook. This is a little used rule that seems to have no basis. It was suggested that this rule be removed from the handbook and the Board approved removal of External Doctoral Minors.

Approved

5. Next scheduled meeting:
   August 27, 2009
   10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
   Scott Hall, Room 216