MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

May 8, 2014


OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Alarie, Pam Carpenter, David Fiala, Doug Hopkins, Katie Kennedy, Web Webster

ABSENT: Lance Fusarelli, George Hodge, Bill DeLuca (substituting for Lance Fusarelli), Lucian Lucia, Brittany Mastrangelo, Matt Melillo, William Oxenham, Michael Stoskopf

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 24, 2014, meeting of the Administrative Board of the Graduate School.

The minutes of the April 24, 2014, meeting of the Administrative Board of the Graduate School were approved.

2. Announcements

Interim Dean Rufty announced Transmittal Letter #89 contains changes to Appendix A – Request for Authorization to Plan a New Degree Program and Appendix C – Request for Authorization to Establish a New Degree Program. These forms will be used for any proposal not currently at UNC-GA. We will post the new forms and contact programs that are in the queue – Management and Geospatial Analytics.

Interim Dean Rufty reported that revised proposals for Ph.D. & M.S. in Forensics have been sent to UNC-GA

Interim Dean Rufty thanked all members who are leaving. Dr. Jo-Ann Cohen, who is being reappointed; Dr. Vernon Matzen who is retiring, Dr. Bill DeLuca for filling in for
Dr. Lance Fusarelli for the spring semester and outgoing UGSA President, Matt Melillo. She also welcomed incoming UGSA President, David Fiala.

3. Enrollment Update

Interim Dean Rufty reported that enrollment is slightly ahead from where we were last year. We’re 224 Ph.D. students up from last year. She mentioned that in the Dean’s Council budget was discussed with a two to four percent reversion for 2014-2015 at the university level. There is a possibility the tuition increase request to the Legislature will not be granted. Probably will be more cuts next year. North Carolina teachers are slated for a raise with State Employees receiving a $1,000 bonus. Enrollment reports are always available through Business Objects.

4. Update on Recent University Graduate Student Association (UGSA) Activities

Mr. Fiala reported on an issue that was raised at the April 24, 2014 meeting where graduate students in their department level graduate student association (GSA) could participate and vote in various meetings. He reported that many departments don’t have voting rights, but are allowed into general meetings.

5. New Concentration

Concentration in Wide Bandgap Power Electronics in the Master of Science in Electric Power Systems Engineering

There was some confusion over the concentration being a minor due to an incorrectly checked box on the cover page.

Dr. Baker-Ward called a motion and moved to call the question. A vote was taken and the concentration was approved.

6. New Programs

Management

Proposal for the Ph.D. in Management – Appendix A (Notification of Intent to Plan a New Degree Program or Site) Initial presentation at the April 24, 2014 meeting

Questions were raised regarding methods courses which are will be taken outside of the Ph.D. This is an interdisciplinary program. It was also mentioned that Fayetteville has a Ph.D. proposed for Entrepreneurship that is similar and may be challenging. – Approved

Geospatial Information Systems
Proposal for the Ph.D. in Geospatial Analytics – Appendix A (Notification of Intent to Plan a New Degree Program or Site) Initial presentation at the April 24, 2014 meeting

There were no additional questions. – Approved

Statistics

Proposal for the Masters of Statistics – Appendix F (Notification of Intent to Plan a New Distance Education Degree Program)

Proposal for the Masters of Statistics – Appendix G (Request for Authorization to Establish a New Distance Education Degree Program or Site)

There were no additional questions. – Approved with 1 abstention

7. Course Actions

FLS 563 – The Latin American Novel – Approved with revision

8. Discussion Items

a. Classifying various three-year degree combinations for admission to master and Ph.D. programs

Dr. Willits had previously handed out a matrix charting the typical degree combinations in regard to international applicants. In response to Dr. Reeves question, regarding credit for a masters, Dr. Willits clarified that there will be no credit given for one year or any portion of a masters. No double dipping. No partial credit.

10. Next scheduled meeting
August 28, 2014
10:00-12:00
Scott Hall, Room 216
### Three year degree from non-Bologna Institutions

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*Equivalency determined by WES or other outside evaluator (If no evaluation, three year degree assumed to be not equivalent to 4 yr US bachelor's).

The number of applicants with a non-Bologna 3-yr degree has significantly increased this term. The rules for admission are not in question: we only accept three year degrees from Bologna process institutions, or those who have been evaluated as equivalent to a four-year US bachelor's.

What needs to be settled is whether or not we classify categories 3 and 5 (above) as qualifying for the previous master's flag. That flag permits students to take 18 hrs off the total required for a PhD while reducing the number of semesters the student is available for GSSP support (from 10 to 8).

Options include: 1) denying the prev MR flag if any part of the MR is required to justify the bachelor's equivalency, 2) allowing the previous MR flag if the package is deemed to be equivalent to 4 year bachelor's + 1 yr graduate study, 3) allowing partial credit for the 18 hr allowance (say 9 hrs) -- modifying the GSSP side appropriately.

The current rules will assign the prev MR flag to anyone showing a master's degree in their record (regardless of length or association with any three year degree).