

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
SENATE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, September 3, 2015, in Scholes Hall, Roberts Room.

Members Present: *Robben Baca, Karen Brown, Hsuan-Chi Chen, *Julie Coonrod, *James Fowlkes (alternate for *Monica Orozco), Nikki Jernigan, *Tim Lowrey, Cassiano de Oliveira, Suzanne Schadl, Jennifer Thacher (chair)

Members Excused: Andrea Polli and John Quale

Members Absent: *Alex Gonzalez, *Greg Heileman, Texana Martin, and Wei Wang

Guest: Linda Petree

(* Indicates non-voting member)

Approval of Agenda:

Nikki Jernigan moved approval of the September 3, 2015 agenda. Suzanne Schadl seconded the motion; the agenda was approved.

Minutes:

Schadl moved approval of the April 2, 2015 minutes. Cassiano de Oliveira seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

Request for Posthumous Degree (Psychology):

Chair Thacher presented a request for a posthumous degree for a student in Psychology and took a vote for approval of the request. Jernigan moved approval, Hsuan-Chi Chen seconded the motion; approval was unanimous. Robben Baca will forward the approval to the Office of the University Secretary.

Sub-Committee Membership:

Chair Thacher described the various subcommittees. The committee agreed to eliminate the Off-Campus/Distance Learning Programs Subcommittee, as this should be a report given by the Extended University representative as deemed necessary. In addition, the Academic Program Review Subcommittee will be eliminated and reports will be given by Tim Lowrey and/or Robben Baca who actively attend APRs.

Chair Thacher proposed that the curriculum/new programs be reviewed by the full committee. The next meeting will entail an overview of the review process.

Dean Coonrod will present on student compensation at the next meeting to determine if this should fall under a subcommittee or the full committee.

Dean Coonrod will meet with the Scholarship/Awards Subcommittee to identify other awards and scholarship submissions they should be considering (e.g. Graduate Education Day at the State Legislature, Western Association of Graduate Schools, ProQuest Dissertation).

Subcommittee membership is as follows: (*indicates sub-committee chair)

- Catalog (ad hoc) – Robben Baca, Nikki Jernigan, Tim Lowrey (*need one more member*)
- Honorary Degree – Karen Brown (*need on more member to serve as chair*)
- Scholarship/Awards Review – Hsuan-Chi Chen, Cassiano de Oliveira, Nikki Jernigan and Suzanne Schabl

Institutional Review Board:

IRB Director, Linda Petree presented a brief overview of the changes to the IRB; now located on Main Campus off of Sigma Chi Rd. with three analysts and one administrative support staff.

Some changes to the IRB are:

- They are currently reaching out to faculty who advise students conducting human research.
- Students and faculty may submit requests for online or in-person consultations.
- Beginning this Fall they will conduct office hours in GPSA to assist in providing a convenient location.
- Currently working with Graduate Studies to identify pending graduates who need to complete the IRB check-out procedure.

Reports:

OGS:

Dean Coonrod reported that a Graduate Studies newsletter was sent to all faculty on August 24th and is published on the website.

The Higher Education Department Review board met last week to review new graduate degree proposals for: Museum Studies, Master's of Studies in Law and Master's of Public Policy. Museum Studies was tabled for revision; it is anticipated that these three proposals will go before the Board of Finance for approval at the October meeting.

Graduate enrollment is down by 1% (final numbers will come out after census date, September 4th); Board of Regents has asked for 5% pull back based on enrollments by college.

A difference in enrollment could be made by increasing the number of masters students as well as the number of online graduate degrees. Teacher licensure, Computer Science and Construction Management programs are in the process of making their masters fully online.

New Business:

Chair Thacher would like to invite Aeron Haynie to present on the progress of the Graduate Teaching Academy.

de Oliveira proposed that the University's 4.33 grading scale be capped at 4.0 because it prevents students from apply for some national scholarships & fellowships. He will present further information at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.