

Minutes

Graduate Committee Meeting October 7, 2010

In attendance: Claudia Isaac, Geoff Adams, Michelle Chwastiak, Dena Kinney, Gary Harrison, James Boone, Janie Chermak, Linney Wix, Mindy Tinkle, Steven Homer, Wennie, Shu

Absent: Alexander Gonzalez and Wynn Goering

Excused: Robben Baca, John Cornish, Megan McRobert, Megan Thompson and Amy Wolert

(Notes taken by Linney Wix for these minutes)

Mindy Tinkle moved to approve the minutes.

Geoff Adams: Forms D, C, B for biomedical engineering (stealth bio-medical engineering, 17 million in grants, connections with Los Alamos and with medical school). The biomedical engineering forms need a letter of support from the medical school.

Committee voted to approve biomedical engineering forms pending learning objectives on some syllabi.

School of Engineering is to establish Program of Biomedical Engineering in Center for Biomedical Engineering.

Committee is charged with looking at curricular revisions/new courses in light of resources and pedagogical validity of courses.

Gary Harrison: Continuous enrollment policy/Reinstatement policy

Gary referred to 9/8/05 meeting minutes re: reinstatement policy. He asked the committee to review the policy and refine it to make better sense. How do we go about revising the policy, which does not make sense and is unenforceable. Eliminate it? A reason to maintain the continuous enrollment policy is to promote timely completion of theses and dissertations. Students should not be in 599/699 unless all coursework is complete.

Overall policy is unclear and not being enforced: There are three options: Eliminate the policy. Improve advisement/encourage leave of absence policy. Revise the reinstatement policy.

Issues and questions re: reinstatement policy: Why have the policy if it is continually waived? One student has been charged the \$500.00 fee (2007). Why not have a reinstatement policy that charges a \$50.00 readmission fee?

How to keep students engaged and in the loop? Lots of students come and go. How do we accommodate these students? Perhaps we need to encourage their taking leaves of absence.

Fiscal question: if dissertation/thesis students are not required to be enrolled, they still draw on UNM services/faculty. Time to graduation can also be an issue.

A and R Committee passed the proposed grade change policy changing PR to CR/NC. Proposal now goes to the Curriculum Committee. Initiating CR may be a continuous enrollment incentive since eighteen credits are assigned upon completion.

Table the issue of reinstatement policy: Have catalog committee look at the language: will credits be lost?

There are three concerns that may or may not mean a reinstatement policy: getting people graduated; fiscal problem; how departments can enforce the policy.

Advisement is key. Is OGS the enforcer? OGS wants to accommodate student needs and have a continuous enrollment policy.

Graduate student protocol

Claudia Isaac sought informational meeting re: IRB with UNM Counsel.
Claudia, Megan McRobert, and Rich Wood will meet with Scott Tonigan.
Committee approved document for meeting. Still needs to be vetted by GPSA.

IACUC: related concerns re: animal research. Put back on the agenda next time since no member who knows about IACUC is present.

APR report: Geoff Adams reported on Department of Art and Art History academic program review. The review was positive: student-faculty relationships are good; areas for improvement: no classical studies in art history; program is strong in photography, Latin American art and art history; important to fill retirements. Programs are in top 20 in the country. This could tip if positions are not filled.

Deficiencies: Mattox studio building has no land phone, no internet, spotty cell phone access: issues of safety. Salaries are very low. May lose faculty. Graduate student were told they may lose ga/ta-ships. A new facility is 10 years out. Time to ask now for funding. Ongoing ventilation issues in spite of improvements. Disparity in program areas: eg, photo is well-equipped and very nice, computer graphics is not. Should department add new areas: Reviewers said no, that trends are toward interdisciplinary. Art and Art History is considering a new name: Department of Art, Art History and Visual Culture.

OGS report: Title V for graduate research center in Mesa Vista Hall in the old financial aid office. \$500,000. Over 5 years for manager and coordinator of research center.

SGPC report: Academic Council meets re: prioritization process, questions for provost. How to assure fair reviews of programs? How can this committee intervene in budget cuts

affecting graduate study and educational mission? Where's the thoughtful, systematic review?

Meeting adjourned.