

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

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 2010, in Scholes Hall, Roberts Room.

**Members Present:** \*Robben Baca, \*John Cornish, \*Gary Harrison, Claudia Isaac (chair), Dena Kinney, Astrid Kodric-Brown, Megan McRobert, Mindy Tinkle, and Linney Wix

**Members Excused:** Geoff Adams, Janie Chermak, Michele Chwastiak, \*Wynn Goering, Wennie Shu, and \*Amy Wohlert

**Members Absent:** Jim Boone, \*Alex Gonzalez, Steven Homer and Megan Thompson

**Guests:** Martha Bedard, Jeff Dickey, and Kathleen Keating

(\* Indicates non-voting member)

**Curriculum/New Programs:**

Chair Isaac summarized the discussion that occurred regarding the University Libraries submission of curriculum forms to create Informatics. Guests from UL were present to answer questions. The following forms were approved by the SGPC on the condition that titles for INFO 532 & 533 are revised as discussed.

- Forms B—
  - INFO 525 – Environmental Information Management
  - INFO 532 – Data Analysis and Visualization (revise title to be: Data Management and Analysis)
  - INFO 533 – Geospatial Data Analysis and Visualization (revise title to be: Spatial Data Management in Environmental Sciences)
- Form C – University Libraries, Create subject code for Informatics, INFO

**Minutes:**

Megan McRobert moved approval of the November 4, 2010 minutes. Dena Kinney seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

**Honorary Degree Sub-committee:**

Kinney presented a summary of each of the selected three nominees to the committee. Chair Isaac reminded the committee that the discussion and selection of the recipients for Honorary Degrees is confidential.

Mindy Tinkle moved approval of the nominees, Gary Harrison seconded the motion; approval of the nominees was unanimous.

**Reports:****GPSA:**

McRobert reported that graduate student representation at the Board of Regents meetings has increased. Other than the University budget, GPSA has supported ASUNM's concerns about demolishing the Santa Ana Dorms. With regards to the budget, GPSA would like to see the cuts happen in places other than academics.

GPSA & ASUNM have unanimously passed a resolution for upholding the academic mission of the University and supporting graduate student teaching employees. Isaac suggested the Resolution be brought to SGPC for their possible support. McRobert will distribute the resolution via email for the committee for discussion and approval at the next meeting.

**OGS:**

Harrison reported that OGS is engaged in on-going efforts to ensure that the budget cuts are distributed across all levels.

OGS is preparing for Fall graduation and starting the application process for Spring.

Harrison asked the committee for input regarding a discussion he had with Walter Putnam from French Studies. Dr. Putnam's concern is that applicants with a three-year licensure from universities outside of the US are not being considered as equivalent to a BA. It is our understanding that these applicants then need to petition International Admissions to have their application sent on to the department. He suggested that the SGPC could review the policies that the International Admissions office uses to evaluate these types of programs. Harrison will research these three-year licensure programs and discuss the concern with Matthew Hewlett, Director of Admissions and Carmen Brown, VP for Enrollment Management.

**SGPC:**

Isaac reported that she met with Rich Wood, Megan McRobert and Scott Tonigan from the IRB to discuss the issues/concerns. The IRB is working on expanding the expertise of its members. Tonigan noted that the current structure of faculty PI's stems from the HSC policy that students cannot be PI's, whereas on Main Campus it is the norm and part of the transition of student to professional. The IRB has already made some adjustments in response to critique, including expanding the "soft" social science and humanities faculty representation on the IRB Main Campus committee, and beginning production of templates for consent forms specifically for qualitative research.

Some suggestions that were discussed were:

- Since Info Ed can only identify one PI, then list the student; or an alternative solution could be to submit the application twice (once with the student as PI and the second with the faculty as the PI)
- Provide trainings for faculty on how to mentor students regarding the IRB process
- Trainings for students on how to navigate the IRB process
- Consider trainings for HRPO staff and members of the IRB on the ethical conduct of the varieties of participatory and qualitative research

-Create a document that faculty could use when teaching courses on exploratory research so that students who then apply for IRB's and want to use that research are more likely to be approved.

Rich Wood will initiate a discussion with Julia Fulghum, VPR to address some of the possible bureaucratic changes; the appropriate HSC faculty to have this discussion with is Richard Larson and Michael Briggs.

Scott Tonigan has agreed to appoint a graduate student member to the Main Campus IRB. In addition he will institute a one-week turnaround review of expedited applications by faculty IRB members.

Isaac met with Paul Roth in his endeavors to meet with the chairs of the FS committees. He encouraged respect for the Regents and respect for faculty.

The flagging study is available. Units were asked to look at the areas flagged and get back to the Provost where the data was spurious. For example, interdisciplinary programs that do not have faculty were flagged for lack of faculty productivity. The Academic Council has asked that the study be made available on the website. Areas in the bottom 5% will have to do a self-assessment; all units have been made aware of their data.

Harrison reported that academic/administrative support units also submitted self-assessments to the Provost; Graduate Studies submitted one identifying how support is provided, costs, how many people served, etc. John Cornish confirmed that Extended University has done the same. A committee of the Provost's Office is reviewing the reports.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.