

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

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, March 1, 2012, Simpson Hall, Simpson Room.

Members Present: *Robben Baca, Jim Boone, Janie Chermak, Joanna Cosbey, Layla Dehaiman (alternate for Katie Richardson),*Gary Harrison (voted as chair for this meeting), Steven Homer, Dena Kinney, Astrid Kodric-Brown, Andrea Polli, and Mindy Tinkle

Members Excused: Michele Chwastiak *John Cornish, Gao Liu, and Linney Wix (chair)

Members Absent: Matthew Borrego (alternate for Jim Feng), Cassiano de Oliveira, *Alex Gonzalez, and *Greg Heileman

Guest: Alec Reber (Office of the Registrar)

(* Indicates non-voting member)

Approval of Agenda:

Janie Chermak moved approval of the March 1, 2012 agenda. Steven Homer seconded the motion; the agenda was approved.

Minutes:

Astrid Kodric-Brown moved approval of the February 16, 2012 minutes. Janie Chermak seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

Shared-Credit Degrees:

Alec Reber, Associate Registrar, presented a proposal to eliminate the various withdraw grades (WP/WF/WNC). The proposal was approved by the FS Admission & Registration Committee based on the limited use of the WP, WF & WNC.

Due to faculty use of the WF to reflect lack of performance by the student, Andrea Polli suggested retaining the WF and the WP/WNC be eliminated. Chermak moved approval that the proposal be amended as suggested by Polli. Joanna Cosbey seconded the motion; the proposal was approved as amended.

Curriculum/New Programs:

Jim Boone presented curriculum forms for the Committee's consideration. The following forms were approved by the SGPC:

- Forms B—
 - ECON 564 – Seminar in Health Economics
 - ECON 585 – Sustainable Development
 - GEOG *481L – Map Design and Geovisualization

- MUS 561 – String Pedagogy I
- MUS 562 – String Pedagogy II
- MUS 563 – String Pedagogy III
- MUS 564 – String Pedagogy IV
- MUS 566 – String Pedagogy Project
- Forms C—
 - Music, MMU – Revise requirements for the concentration in Theory and Composition.

The following form was tabled by the SGPC:

- Form B – GEOG 467/567 – Governing the Global Environment

Polli moved to not approve: Form C – Creative Writing, MFA – Revise requirements to reduce total minimum credits to 39 (excluding 6 dissertation hours). Chermak seconded the motion; the form was denied.

Upcoming Award Deadlines:

Dean Harrison reminded the Scholarship/Awards Review Subcommittee that scholarship and award deadlines are March 1-15th. The subcommittee will meet next week to plan the review process.

Reports:

GPSA:

Layla Dehaiman reported that President Richardson is in support with the Provost’s plan regarding new faculty hires. Harrison reported that Richardson is proposing that with each new faculty hire a new I&G line is added for an assistantship. Steven Homer requested that GPSA write a formal proposal so that the SGPC can provide endorsement.

OGS:

Harrison reported that there are approximately 800 students on the Spring proposed graduation list and that only about half will actually complete requirements. The committee discussed ways to have the proposed list more reflective of those who will graduate.

New Business:

Dena Kinney (chair of the Honorary Degree Subcommittee) reported that she met with various constituencies (including GPSA, incoming & outgoing FS President, and University Counsel) to discuss the process of selecting honorary degree recipients. They developed the following suggestions:

- Schedule the meeting early in November
- Suggested that an email marked confidential be sent with each candidate identified with “A, B or C”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.