

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

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, September 15, 2011, in Simpson Hall, Simpson Room.

Members Present: *Robben Baca, Jim Boone, Matthew Borrego, Janie Chermak, Michele Chwastiak, *John Cornish, Joanna Cosbey, Cassiano de Oliveira, *Gary Harrison, Steven Homer, Astrid Kodric-Brown, Gao Liu, Andrea Polli, Mindy Tinkle, and Linney Wix (chair)

Members Excused: Dena Kinney and Katie Richardson

Members Absent: *Alex Gonzalez and *Greg Heileman

Guests: Jeff Dickey and Kathleen Keating

(* Indicates non-voting member)

Approval of Agenda:

Mindy Tinkle moved approval of the September 15, 2011 agenda. Janie Chermak seconded the motion; the agenda was approved.

Minutes:

Michele Chwastiak moved approval of the September 1, 2011 minutes. Mindy Tinkle seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

Curriculum/New Programs:

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

- Forms B—
 - MGMT 572 – Security Analysis
 - LAW 604 – Immigration Law Practicum
 - LAW 660 – American Bar Associate Negotiation Moot Court Competition
 - INFO 504 – Foundations of Information Management Practice
 - INFO 506 – Metadata
 - INFO 520 – Introduction to Spatial Data Management
 - INFO 522 – Information Modeling
- Forms C—
 - Sociology, MA – Revise program to delete Plan II option; clarify that applicants can be admitted directly to the Ph.D.
 - IFCE (Counseling), MA – Revise requirements to reflect minor course changes that have been approved.

Reports:**OGS:**

Dean Harrison reported that an advertisement has been posted to hire a graduate assistant as an ombudsperson for graduate students. This will be a pilot to determine the need and how to manage the services. The individual will not provide any counseling but will help graduate students access available resources to solve problems they may have.

Harrison and Robben Baca attended the Academic Council on Higher Education (state's provosts) meeting, at which the new degree proposals for the MS in Biomedical Engineering and the Doctorate of Nursing Practice were approved. The next steps in the process are the review/approval by the Department of Higher Education and finally the Board of Finance.

Harrison sent a memo to deans and directors regarding the future of the 3% Tuition Scholarship. After the funding formula changes the state will not be allocating funds for this scholarship so the University of New Mexico has made a commitment to have some form of scholarship for these qualified individuals that will be based on financial need. The allocation will be transferred to the Student Financial Aid Office and become part of the financial aid package. The message to the deans and graduate directors is to make sure that new students fill out the FAFSA, which will determine the financial need. To be eligible the student has to be a new student, be a New Mexico resident, have no other form of tuition assistance and have financial need.

The in-state tuition assistance for out-of-state students taking fewer than 6 credits is only available through the Spring 2012 (essentially two semesters). John Cornish and Mindy Tinkle explained how this has heavily impacted distance learning at UNM since many distance learners will not become residents of New Mexico and thus are charged out-of-state tuition. There will be a meeting with Provost Abdullah to discuss the in-state tuition for non-residents.

SGPC:

Chair Wix asked the subcommittee chairs to give a brief report at the full meeting following any meeting they may have.

The meeting scheduled for October 20, 2011 has been cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.