

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

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, October 16, 2014, in Scholes Hall, Room 101.

Members Present: *Robben Baca, Ranjit Bose, *Julie Coonrod, and Katya Crawford, Cassiano de Oliveira, Pamela Hall, Agustin Leon-Moreta, Judy Liesveld, *Tim Lowrey, Jennifer Thacher, Wayne Thorpe, and Mindy Tinkle (chair)

Members Excused: Nikki Jernigan and Raji Vallury

Members Absent: *Alex Gonzalez, *James Fowlkes (alternate for *Monica Orozco), *Greg Heileman, Andrea Polli, Suzanne Schadl, and Wei Wang

Guest:

John Carr (Geography & Environmental Studies)

(* Indicates non-voting member)

Approval of Agenda:

Jennifer Thacher moved approval of the October 16, 2014 agenda. Cassiano de Oliveira seconded the motion; the agenda was approved.

Minutes:

Thacher moved approval of the October 2, 2014 minutes. Ranjit Bose seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

Curriculum/New Programs:

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

- Forms B –
 - HIST 316/516 – History of Russia in the 20th Century
 - ARCH 696 – Master's Project or Thesis Documentation and Dissemination
 - NURS 605 – Symptom Management Science
 - NURS 616 – Secondary Data in Health Research
- Form C – Architecture, MS – Revise requirements to indicate that ARCH 696 is a required course.
- Form D – Geography & Environmental Studies, GCERT – Create a graduate certificate in Law, Environment, and Geography

The following forms were tabled by the SGPC:

- Forms B –
 - CS 467/567 – Principles and Applications of Big Data

- CS 495/595 – Advanced Topics in Computer Science
- HIST 314/514 – Old Russia, 9th-17th Century
- MGMT 600 – MBA Orientation

The committee discussed possible ways to streamline the FormD and the form could be submitted electronically as opposed to hardcopy.

Reports:

GPSA:

Wayne Thorpe reported that GPSA in the process of reviewing grant applications (received approximately 200); will notify recipients by November 1st.

The Student Fee Review Board, composed of 10 students (undergraduate and graduate), has asked for feedback from students on where fees should be allocated.

Graduate Studies:

Dean Coonrod reported that she is working on getting graduate student data better aligned with national bench marks. Currently using the Survey of Earned Doctorate, which is extremely beneficial in comparing UNM to that of other research universities.

Discussed the tracking of alumni; ways to become a successful mentor to junior faculty and graduate students. Suggestions were to give mentoring presentation at new faculty orientation, to specific departments throughout the year. HSC offers an online mentoring training that may be useful.

Coonrod asked the committee to consider the option to “pass with distinction” for PhD Comprehensive Exam and discuss further at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.