

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

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, November 17, 2011, in Scholes Hall, Room 101.

Members Present: *Robben Baca, Jim Boone, Corbin Casarez (alternate for Katie Richardson), Janie Chermak, Michele Chwastiak, Joanna Cosbey, Steven Homer, Dena Kinney, Astrid Kodric-Brown, Andrea Polli, Mindy Tinkle, and Linney Wix (chair)

Members Excused: *John Cornish, Jim Feng (alternate for Matthew Borrego), *Gary Harrison, and Gao Liu

Members Absent: Cassiano de Oliveira, *Alex Gonzalez, and *Greg Heileman

(* Indicates non-voting member)

Approval of Agenda:

Michele Chwastiak moved approval of the November 17, 2011 agenda. Janie Chermak seconded the motion; the agenda was approved.

Minutes:

Corbin Casarez moved approval of the November 3, 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—
 - FREN 522 – Topics in Seventeenth Century French Studies
 - FREN 532 – Topics in Eighteenth Century French Studies
 - GREK 501 – Topics in Greek Language and Literature
 - GEOG 517 – Law and Geography
 - POLS 585 – Introduction to Game Theory Research in Political Science
 - ARTS 441/541 – Computational Sustainability
 - ARTS 442/542 – Aesthetics of Sustainability Sculptural Infrastructure
 - ARTS 443/543 – Aesthetics of Sustainable Landscape
- Form C—
 - Foreign Languages & Literature – create subject code (SWAH) in order to offer courses in Swahili with department of Africana Studies.

Regents' Winrock Fellowships for Underrepresented Doctoral Students:

Chermak lead a discussion on the proposed Regents' Winrock Fellowships for Underrepresented Doctoral Students. Comments/suggestions will be compiled and

incorporated into the document; Dean Harrison would like to have this fellowship be awarded in Spring 2012 for recruitment of students for the Fall 2012.

Some areas of concern were:

- Where is the money coming from, especially for out-of-state students?
- How long is funding for these fellowships available?
- Where would nursing and education fall in the description of accepted nominations?
- Consider expanding description of underrepresented population

Submission of Dissertations to ProQuest:

Robben Baca presented a petition (typically decisions made by OGS) from a student requesting he not be required to submit his dissertation to ProQuest. The petition was brought to the committee to consider doing away with the policy that requires PhD students to submit their dissertation to both LoboVault (UNM repository) and ProQuest.

Baca explained that the OGS Manuscript Coordinator attended the United States Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association conference in the spring and learned that other institutions only require submission to their internal ETD repository.

The committee briefly discussed the need for the policy and voted in favor of the student's petition (Mindy Tinkle moved approval; Astrid Kodric-Brown seconded).

The ad-hoc Catalog Subcommittee will meet to discuss revising the University Catalog to make submission to ProQuest an option for all students and require submission to LoboVault; the subcommittee will also research why students are required to submit dissertations to ProQuest.

Reports:

GPSA:

Casarez reported that the UNM Foundation created the Graduate Scholarship fund to be available for donation through the United Way campaign for awarding in Fall 2012.

Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) will have increased undergraduate representation but protect the minority graduate student voice from parliamentary maneuvers (supermajority of 6 votes required for major votes). Student representation will consist of seven students – 5 undergraduate and 2 graduate; the proposed change is currently available for public comment.

GPSA hosted a Town Hall with Interim Provost Chaouki Abdallah on Monday, November 14 (more than 120 people attended).

SGPC:

Chair Wix explained that she has not received comments/feedback from the committee on the Degree Revocation Policy that was discussed at the last meeting. The committee confirmed that there were no further comments/concerns.

Wix reported that the Academic Council met on November 7th. They discussed the proposal that will be coming from the Office of the Registrar to eliminate WP/WF/WNC grades – as proposed the only drop grade will be the ‘W’ grade. In addition the Provost’s Office has put together various committees related to student success for improving graduation rates (there is one on advising, teaching, curriculum & assessment and one on other aspects that may have to deal with graduate programs).

Kathleen Keating (chair of FSCC), Elizabeth Barton, and Wix met in October to make changes to the curriculum Forms A, B & C.

New Business:

Chermak initiated a discussion regarding ways to create a University culture that supports both faculty and students in addressing academic dishonesty and preventing the ultimate revocation of degrees. The committee discussed some ideas, including educating faculty as well as students regarding academic dishonesty. Faculty are not always aware of how easy it is for students to purchase papers and are generally not supported to intervene when students practice academic dishonesty.

Baca reported that OGS has a learning module on academic integrity available on the website. Chermak mentioned an exceptional document available from the History Department (designed for students and how to identify and prevent plagiarism).

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.