

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

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, December 1, 2011, Simpson Hall, Simpson Room.

Members Present: *Robben Baca, Jim Boone, Matthew Borrego (alternate for Jim Feng), Corbin Casarez (alternate for Katie Richardson), Janie Chermak, *John Cornish, Joanna Cosbey, Cassiano de Oliveira, *Gary Harrison, Steven Homer, Dena Kinney, Gao Liu, Andrea Polli, Mindy Tinkle, and Linney Wix (chair)

Members Excused: Michele Chwastiak and Astrid Kodric-Brown

Members Absent: *Alex Gonzalez and *Greg Heileman

(* Indicates non-voting member)

Approval of Agenda:

Janie Chermak moved approval of the December 1, 2011 agenda. Andrea Polli seconded the motion; the agenda was approved.

Minutes:

Joanna Cosbey moved approval of the November 17, 2011 minutes. Gao Liu seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

Curriculum/New Programs:

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

- Forms B—
 - ECE 482/582 – Electric Drives and Transformers
 - ECE 484/584 – Photovoltaics
 - ECE 488/588 – Future Energy Systems

Reports:

GPSA:

Casarez reported that in the past few weeks the GPSA Council has passed two important resolutions. A special meeting was called on November 7 to discuss the (un)Occupy Albuquerque movement, and a resolution was passed in support of the group's rights to assembly and free speech, requesting that the movement's permit be extended to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Then, at the November meeting, Council passed a resolution requesting the proposal of a feasibility plan and financial model for either refurbishing the Johnson Center or building a new recreation center without increasing student fees.

GPSA is sponsoring an hour-long student forum for each UNM Presidential Candidate.

Forums will provide students opportunities to address each candidate. The forums will occur at noon on December 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14, and GPSA will provide food.

OGS:

Dean Harrison reported that the two new degree proposals (Doctorate of Nursing Practice and MS in Biomedical Engineering) were reviewed and approved by the State Board of Finance. The group questioned UNM on the deletion of degrees.

The NM Council of Graduate Deans met on November 28 to review the proposal submitted to create an MA & MS in Museum Studies (MSST). The council returned the proposal for revisions. Specifically, the council asked that the proposal show clear collaboration with the state's institutions of higher education and that the degree proposal address job availability in the area of museum employment. Harrison and Robben Baca will work with the department to have the proposal revised by January so that the council can reconvene in February.

Also discussed at the NMC GD was the concern with data management regarding the new funding formula – every other institution in the state defines full-time enrollment with an assistantship as being 9 credit hours whereas UNM defines it as 6 credit hours.

The Graduate Ombuds person is now seeing students. The focus is on communication with faculty and resolving disputes among graduate students. There is a co-mediation service available through the Office of Dispute Resolutions – if a graduate student and faculty member have a conflict then a graduate student mediator and a faculty/staff mediator will come together to hold a joint mediation.

As mentioned at the last meeting, the learning module on Academic Integrity is available at the OGS website. Components are available specifically for faculty, staff and students and there are links to exact policy within the module. Greg Heileman, Deborah Rifembary, and others will meet to discuss how to approach the issue of academic integrity on the forefront; Dean of Students Kim Kloeppe is going to integrate academic integrity into the new student orientations for graduate and undergraduate students.

New Business:

Cassiano de Oliveira reported that he attended the APR Action Plan meeting for Physics. There were several recommendations. Concerns specific to graduate degrees/students included the following: that faculty load not increase; that the department offer 21st Century experiments (which requires financial resources); that graduate electives are not offered frequently enough; that the Physics GRE needs revision; that a new building is needed to address the need for additional lab space (the lack of which is impeding Physics in being able to hire faculty); that mentoring of post-docs is lacking.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.