

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

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, September 5, 2013, in Scholes Hall Room 101.

Members Present: *Robben Baca, Ranjit Bose, *Julie Coonrod, Mark Emmons, Steven Homer, Agustin Leon-Moreta, Judy Liesveld, *Tim Lowery, Anne Madsen, Andrea Polli, Jennifer Thacher (alternate for Janie Chermak), Mindy Tinkle (chair), and Ning Yan Gu (alternate for Jim Feng)

Members Absent: Katya Crawford, Cassiano de Oliveira, *Alex Gonzalez, *Greg Heileman, *Todd Hynson, and Priscilla Poliana

Guest:

Stephen Burd, Anderson School of Management

(* Indicates non-voting member)

Approval of Agenda:

Steven Homer moved approval of the September 5, 2013 agenda. Andrea Polli seconded the motion; the agenda was approved.

Minutes:

Ranjit Bose moved approval of the May 2, 2013 minutes. Jennifer Thacher seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

Report on Thesis/Dissertation Forms:

Dean Coonrod asked the committee for feedback on the Report on Thesis/Dissertation Forms (“grey sheets”). Points raised regarding the form were: some departments use it for assessments; if the form is no longer required, what happens if there’s a student dispute.

Dean Coonrod proposed that departments use whatever means they find appropriate for their program to record the evaluations and eliminate this form or make it optional. Suggestion was made to take this proposal to the department chairs for input.

Subcommittees:

Chair Tinkle described the various subcommittees and asked for volunteers. Membership is as follows: (*indicates sub-committee chair)

- Catalog (ad hoc) – Robben Baca, Anne Madsen (*need one more member*)
- Curriculum/New Programs – Robben Baca, Mark Emmons* and Judy Liesveld (*need one more member*)
- Academic Program Review – Cassiano de Oliveira* (with voluntary participation by committee members)
- Honorary Degree – Steven Homer* and Ranjit Bose

- Off-Campus/Distance Learning Programs – *Need one more member* (chair will be representative from Extended Learning)
- Scholarship/Awards Review – Jennifer Thacher*, Katya Crawford, Andrea Polli and Agustin Leon-Moreta

Curriculum/New Programs:

Mark Emmons presented curriculum forms for the Committee’s consideration. The following form was approved by the SGPC:

- Forms B—
 - MGMT 533 – Professional Communications
 - MGMT 599 – Master’s Thesis
 - MGMT 633 – Vendor and Contract Management
 - PEP 573 – Critical Issues in Secondary Physical Education
 - WMST 597 – Independent Study
- Form C – Health, Exercise & Sports Sciences; MS Physical Education – Revise the requirements for the concentration in Curriculum & Instruction
- Form D – Marketing, Information, & Decision Sciences; MS – Create new degree: Master’s of Science in Information Systems and Assurance

The following forms remain tabled by the SGPC:

- Forms B—
 - PUBP 501 – Policy Seminar
 - PUBP 502 – Evaluation Lab
- Forms C—
 - Economics, Political Science & Sociology, MPP – Create new degree: Master’s in Public Policy
 - Economics, Political Science & Sociology, MPP – Create new subject code: PUBP – Public Policy
- Form D – Economics, Political Science & Sociology, MPP – Create new degree: Master’s in Public Policy

Reports:

OGS:

Coonrod reported that the Graduate Online Application project is moving along; go-live is set for October.

Graduate Studies is in the process of creating a self-reporting-system that will allow students to keep track of their accomplishments through graduate school. It will be strongly recommended for doctoral students and made optional for master’s degree students. The intent of the self-reporting-system will be to allow students to keep track of meetings/conferences attended, publications, etc., student will then be able to print a CV comprised of the events/accomplishments; faculty will be able to assign or suggest events, assign goals, etc. to their advisee. The goal for Graduate Studies is to require this in order for the student to qualify for scholarships/fellowships.

Associate Dean, Tim Lowrey, has submitted a proposal/suggestion to the Provost and Enrollment Management to establish a Cross-Enrollment agreement across the state's Universities. In sum, the agreement will allow a student to take a course at another institution without being formally admitted to that school.

Graduate Studies and the Provost's Office are currently considering making the Office of Graduate Studies a Graduate School/College and having it oversee the cross-college interdisciplinary degree programs. Graduate Studies provides broad oversight to the various graduate programs and students, additionally the Master's of Water Resources program has moved under Graduate Studies (rather than in University College). The committee provided Dean Coonrod with feedback as well as suggestions on how to move forward with this.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.