

Graduate Council Minutes

September 24, 2010

208 Thurmond

Members present: Andy Doyle (chair, A&S), Don Rogers (VPA), Gary Alderman (A&S), Wanda Briggs (COE), Jane Thomas (CBA), Jackie McFadden (Dacus), and Gale Teaster (Dacus)

Visitors: Yvonne Murnane (Dean, graduate school), Margaret Williamson (Assistant Dean)

- I. The minutes from the August 31, 2010 meeting were approved.
- II. Dean Murnane reported on Graduate School activities, including the piloting of summer camps in 2011, enrollment, changes in the GRE, and moving to electronic theses. The report is attached below.
- III. Old Business
 - a. There was much discussion on instituting plus/minus grading on the graduate level. Review of the option will continue after data from the undergraduate level is provided.
 - b. The council discussed shortening the time from one year to one semester the time that students who have been academically dismissed must wait before applying for readmission. They will continue this discussion at the next meeting after seeing the numbers of students placed on probation/dismissal by term.
 - c. The council approved the following change to the current probation policy:

Current policy: Graduate students placed on academic probation are required to restore their overall grade-point average to 3.0 within nine additional gross semester hours of graduate work, including repeated and dropped courses.

New policy: A student may take up to nine hours while on academic probation. If the grade-point average does not rise to at least 3.0 within those nine hours, the student is dismissed from graduate study. If a student repeats one or two courses while on academic probation, the new grade replaces the original grade in the calculation of the grade-point average.

The revised policy will be submitted to the Graduate Faculty Assembly for approval.

IV. There was no new business.

V. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Williamson

**DEAN'S REPORT
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2010**

A. Announcements

1. Summer Camp Request for Proposal
2. Stipend of \$750 for online course taught in summer 2011
3. Submission of a thesis in the MFA program for an award from the Council of Southern Graduate Schools

B. Enrollment

Degree Seeking: 917 (loss 9 to withdrawals)
Non-Degree Seeking: 117 (about 70 are WPDC)

Full Time: 335

Part Time: 582 (about 70 are WPDC)

C. Changes in the GRE

1. New test starting August 1, 2011
2. Scores on verbal and quantitative range from 130 – 170 in 1 point increments rather than the 10 point increments
3. Website: http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores

D. Electronic Thesis Submission

1. Done through UMI Proquest
2. Website: <http://www.proquest.com>