

MINUTES
GSAC MEETING AUGUST 30, 2002
CONNABLE BOARD ROOM, BERNHARD CENTER

Representatives Present: Marcel Brouwers (Chair), Rodger Zanny (Computer Science), James Cawthorne (Paper Science), Daryl Arkwright-Keeler (Bio Sciences), Kurt Hayden (IME), Craig Thomas (EUP), Peter Voice (Geosciences), Brock Giordano (Anthropology), Jennifer Smith (English), Riaz Salim (Computer Engineering), Cindy Duda (Music), Hussam Alkhasawneh (Materials), Nancy Greer-Williams (Ed Leadership), Ralucca Gera (Math), Greg Waltz (Biology), Dan Stauffer (HPER), Abubakar Alhassan (Communications)

Guests: Dr. William Wiener (Graduate College, Dean), Amy Nelson (VPSA)

Dr. Wiener shared that we have a new provost and Dr. Thompson has taken a position at the National Science Foundation HR program and he will take a 2 year leave of absence which means the Grad College has been separated into the Graduate College and The office of Research and both will report to the Provost.

In addition the following policies will be effective as of fall 2002:

- 1) Academic forgiveness policy - effects students up to 7 years ago against adverse GPA.
- 2) Extensions Policy--no longer granting extensions beyond 7 years.
- 3) Graduate Repeat -- a student has to have a 3.25 to 3.0 overall standing and has to notify Graduate College before repeating a course--considerations will be made if a student did poorly in a related field.
- 4) Electronic Thesis and Dissertation in place now and student has power over who will see it.
- 5) Continuous Enrollment for Sp/Su has been done away with, but if you need library services for these periods students may have to pay a computer fee.

New Policies:

Hoping to examine compensation based on level of Assistantship and paid differently based on discipline.

Transfer graduate credits look at adding far more than the current 6

Expectations in good practices in graduate education that assistants can have a procedure for due rights--faculty would have to go through procedures before dismissing students/discovered no formal leave of absence policy

- Graduate leave of absence policy
- Accelerated MA degree
- Graduate certificate programs
- Diversity of graduate student body looking at HBCU Partnership
- Yearly review of PhD and MA studies
- New course call The Program - Teaching in Higher Education PhD

Dr. Wiener also talked about a survey that measures graduate student effectiveness and asked GSAC members to take it and give their response.

Rodger asked if policies will go to the GSAC
Marcel's Report
He has talked to a lot of new students
Will create a newsletter to keep people informed.
ComUniversity was a resounding success
NAGPS Conference will be in St. Louis Nov 6-10, 2002

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