

# UCF Graduate Council

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## GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Minutes of October 14, 2005 meeting

Members Present Patricia Bishop, Jim Moharam

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

1. Alternative meeting times were discussed with the committee, since Cory Watkins has teaching responsibilities on Friday mornings and would miss most meetings. The other best time was on Tuesday mornings, but David Nicholson would miss many meetings because of his teaching schedule. The suggestion was made that we try to alternate between Friday and Tuesday meetings. Dr. Goodman will work with Rhonda to come up with this schedule and let everyone know.
2. Dr. Cross suggested that Jim Moharam, our Steering Committee liaison, discuss problems with constituting the Graduate Council this year. The problems they wanted discussed were (1) that the Chair of the Faculty Senate should not ask a person to be Chair of the Graduate Council, but should invite the Council back to revote on the Chair, (2) it would be appreciated if the committee were formed earlier in the future so that business could start in August, and (3) that the Faculty Senate consider rewriting its constitution such that those elected to chair positions of Senate committees be designated as Senate members at large, allowing for more freedom in choosing leaders for the Senate committees.
3. Dr. Goodman reviewed the work from last year, including the two documents produced concerning graduate faculty and financial support for graduate students. The committee asked Dr. Bishop to please send the final drafts of each of these documents to committee members. Dr. Moharam suggested that we designate a time for input on these two items from the graduate community before final recommendations to the Provost, suggesting early December.
4. Dr. Bishop provided a list of items collected from faculty, staff, programs and colleges that would be possible agenda items for the Graduate Council this year. These items were collected throughout last year when problems arose. Each of the items was reviewed and discussed in order to determine its priority for consideration this year.
5. Dr. Goodman reported that he would work out a schedule for the agenda and a time and date for the next meeting and let everyone know.

Possible issues for Graduate Council for 2005-06:

1. Use of provisional status for continuing students
2. Semester hours for master's thesis students
3. Use of cognate courses in programs of study
4. Academic appeals processes
5. Outside employment of graduate assistants
6. Master's student funding policy for next year
7. Use of Praxis and FTCE in academic programs as comprehensive exams; also how do we assess graduate students?
8. Discussion of financial support for graduate students
9. Discussion of graduate faculty issues (faculty emeriti, those in UCF centers and institutes)
10. Academic regalia
11. Transfer credits for doctoral programs - GCAT wants more guidelines
12. Rule on when to discontinue a student
13. Outside member of dissertation and thesis committees - more clarification
14. Patent policy update
15. Role of program directors in academic decision making
16. If an UG student has been disqualified or excluded from the university previously for academic or behavioral programs, should this affect admission to graduate school?

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