

# UCF Graduate Council

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## GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Minutes of March 14, 2012 meeting

Members Present	Jeffrey Bedwell, Linda Colding, C. Ross Hinkle, Jim Moharam, Nicole Owens, Paul Rompf, Eladio Scharron, Gerald Smith, Michael Stern, Axel Stock
Recorder	Rhonda Nelson
Guests Present	Patrick Pabian, Rebecca Boohaker, Bonnie Berry, Sergio Tafur, Bhaswati Senyapta
Staff Members	Max Poole

**Welcome and call to order:** Dr. Jim Moharam called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved. Guests were introduced.

**Graduate Faculty/Graduate Faculty Scholar policy.** Dr. Moharam shared that the policy approved at the last meeting was presented to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and the Provost and was received well. The Steering Committee commented that it was a very fine document. It will be presented as an informational item at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Stern outlined the timeline for how the policy would be implemented.

**Maximum hours of Unsatisfactory Credits.** Dr. Stern outlined the current policy, which had been reviewed by this committee two years ago. Patrick Pabian, program director for the DPT program, presented the issues the Physical Therapy (DPT) program was encountering with students getting C grades. Since some of their initial courses are 6 credit hours, a student who gets a C in one of those classes would reach the 6 semester hour limit very early within this 112 credit hour program. A number of different options to help resolve this issue were discussed, including setting the maximum number based on a percentage of total degree credits. A recommendation was made to change the policy to allow the use of the "C" grade credits associated with two courses or a maximum of six credits of "C" grades, whichever is greater. The committee voted to approve the revision. In addition to making that modification, Dr. Stern will draft a revision of the portion of this policy that specifies the number of unsatisfactory credits that are grounds for dismissal.

**Graduate Student Bill of Rights.** Sergio Tafur presented a Graduate Student Bill of Rights that has been drafted by leaders of the Graduate Student Association. The group is seeking graduate student support for this bill, as well as the support of the UCF Faculty Senate and administration. The committee made comments and suggestions both during and following the presentation. The committee indicated that some of the items addressed in the bill were broad, while others would best be addressed at the department level; Sergio indicated that the GSA wants to present this to departments as well. Dr. Max Poole suggested that the GSA leaders identify the university-wide items that they would like the university Graduate Policy Committee to consider. The GSA would welcome an open dialog on the issues outlined in the bill and the bill itself. This document will be discussed further at the next meeting.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 28. Comments may be sent to Jim Moharam or Michael Stern.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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