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## GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Minutes of March 22, 2007 meeting

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present Teresa Wilkerson

Handouts: graduate catalog policy handout, email from T. Wilkerson, residency requirements from other universities.

1. Aaron Liberman, chair, began the meeting at 12:00 noon.
2. Minutes from 3/1 and 3/8 were approved. The following topics were then discussed.
3. **Residency requirements(s) for doctoral students.** Teresa Wilkerson, College of Sciences, attended this meeting and presented information regarding this. The current policy reads, "in order to meet the residency requirement, doctoral students must register for 9 hours in each of two consecutive semesters." Discussion followed on whether the 3 hours enrollment of dissertation could meet the full-time requirement for two consecutive semesters. The College of Sciences has doctoral students who intend to complete the program at a part-time status and could then meet the residency requirement with the 3 hours of dissertations enrollment. The committee then discussed this at length. Discussion was held on residency requirement and continuous enrollment, the purpose of the residency requirement, and issues with continuous enrollment. Dr. Goodman asked that Dr. Poole check to see if there was a SACS accreditation ruling or a state rule regarding the current 9 hour policy. This discussion will continue on the agenda for next fall.
4. **Continuous enrollment policy.** Current policy for master's level states, "Master's level students who wish to be considered full-time and who are engaged in thesis or research report-related activity must be enrolled for at least three semester credit hours of thesis (or research report) each semester continuously (including summers) after completion of regular course work." Current policy for doctoral level states, "Doctoral students who have passed candidacy and have begun taking doctoral dissertation hours (XXX 7980) must enroll in at least three dissertation hours each semester (including summers, without skipping a semester) and continue doing so until they complete the dissertation and graduate." Teresa asked about the necessity of this policy, and questioned if a student wishes to be considered full-time, do they have to be continuously enrolled. Discussion was held on this. The current policy indicates that full-time is 3 hours continuous until they graduate. Once a student starts their thesis, they have to continue as 3 hours until finished. Discussion followed on the possibility of rewriting this policy. The committee felt that it would be good to review policies from other colleges. The committee asked that Dr. Bishop review language from other colleges and report back to the group. This item will continue on the agenda for fall discussion.
5. **4000-level course enrollment.** This item was not discussed and will continue on the agenda to be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.
6. **Meeting adjournment and next meeting.** Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Next meeting will be held at noon on April 12, Room 243.

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