

UCF Graduate Council

[Home](#) > [Policy](#) > [Minutes](#)

GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of February 03, 2010 meeting

Members Present Deborah Breiter, John C. Bricout, Jacquie Byers, Christopher Geiger, Wendi Kane, Jim Moharam, Eduardo Mucciolo, Saleh Naser, Michael Stern

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Staff Members Tracy Jones

Dr. Moharam called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was established. The minutes from the January 20 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Graduate Z grade policy. Dr. Stern noted that he was troubled by the combination of the severity of the action in the draft policy (Z grade designation; program dismissal) and the process not allowing the student having access to due process prior to the action. Dr. Moharam voiced similar concern. The committee held a lengthy discussion, which included the following issues:

- the possibility of conducting a grade appeal prior to the issuance of a Z designation (but after the filing of an incident report);
- the problem of having Department and College signatures acknowledging the intended action only at the point of grade submission (via filing a Z grade form);
- possible double academic integrity standards in split level classes without a Z designation policy for both undergraduate and graduate students;
- Examples of existing mechanisms for managing issues of academic dishonesty in the various Colleges and Programs;
- The possible need for a uniform university-wide process; as opposed to different processes in the various Colleges and Programs;
- The need for a series of “progressive consequences” that are dependent on the severity of the breach of academic integrity;
- The need for the consistent application of different severities of consequences to correspond to the different levels and types of breach of academic integrity;
- The “traffic school” analogy for the efficacy of ethics classes – attendance will not necessarily change the fundamental behavior;
- Faculty as the ultimate arbiters of grades (A-through-F, S/U); Z designation as a separate issue of academic conduct that requires significant input at the departmental and college levels.

The committee agreed to table a Z designation policy pertaining to graduate students for the moment. Nonetheless, the committee agreed that a student who has been granted due process and dismissed for breach of academic integrity should have some form of designation of this fact on their transcript.

Shared credit policy: The committee reviewed the draft of the dual degree shared credit policy (10-13.1.3) that formalized the decisions of the committee from previous meetings. Discussion focused on reasonable limits for admission to dual degree programs for students already enrolled in one of the component programs. The committee agreed that the 18 SCH limit was reasonable. The policy was approved unanimously. (Note: the “master’s along-the-way” portion of the draft policy was not discussed by the committee, and therefore was not included in the policy document submitted for consideration by the Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate.)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

© 2015 University of Central Florida

Graduate Council 407-823-3567. Site maintained by College of Graduate Studies, Millican Hall 230, PO Box 160112, Orlando, FL 32816-0112. [Graduate Studies webmaster](#)