

Graduate Council Policy Committee

September 22, 2021 • 10:30 am • Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Keith Koons (CAH), Uluc Aysun (COB), Jim Moharam (Optics), Robin Back (RCHM), David Mohaisen (CECS, **Vice Chair**), Laurie Neely (CHPS), Annette Bourgault (CON), Stacy Barber (COS, **Chair**), Claudia Andl (COM), Devon Jensen (CGS), Barbara Fritzsche (CGS), Jennifer Parham (CGS), John Weishampel (CGS)

Guests Present: Sevil Sonmez (COB), Ali Gordon (CECS), Natasha Stubbs (CGS), Linda Rosa Lugo (CHPS), Laurence Von Kalm (COS), Tonya Walker (COS), Heidi Watt (Dir. Academic Compliance), Mark Hartman (Dir. Intl. Education, UCF Global), Viatcheslav Kokoouline (Physics)

Recorder: Michele Pozdoll

Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by committee chair Dr. Barber. A quorum was established.

Approval of minutes from September 8th, 2021-Approved with no corrections.

How should we manage meeting times? It was decided and approved by the entire committee to take action and start ending discussion/ meeting by 11:20.

Michele Pozdoll provided the Graduate Council site web address: <https://graduatecouncil.ucf.edu/>

Old business: John Weishampel provided the options to approve the Dual Degree/Cotutelle. The 2 options discussed:

1. Keep policy as is, which under old definitions and guidance, would effectively prohibit cotutelles.
2. Change the policy to clearly permit cotutelles. If 2, a potential language change in the policy that differentiates those dual degrees, which would require SACSCOC and those that would not, could be:

“Multi-institutional dual degree programs (prescribed curriculum designed for multiple students) and cotutelles (multi-institutional research and educational opportunities designed for single students) must be approved by the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee.”

The committee had a brief discussion and voted to approve option 2, and new language in bold above. This still needs to be approved through the Quali workflow process before the new language can be added into the Graduate catalog.

Policy Review/Discussion:

Probation policy-Does the committee approve revised language for Probation Policy-Barbara Fritzsche led this discussion and proposed changes from what was discussed last spring. The big issue is incomplete grades. A motion was made to discuss the items individually and not all at once. Motion on the floor to approve the language: “Students who are placed on probation with Incomplete (I) grades on their record or who earn I grades while on probation are expected to complete their work to satisfy the course requirements as soon as possible. Once the grade has changed to an A-F letter grade. Graduate Status GPA will be recalculated retroactively to the semester in which the I grade was earned. This update Graduate Status GPA may cause a student to be dismissed (if it is no longer mathematically possible to earn a 3.0 in the probationary period) or removed from probation (if the 3.0 is now achieved).

Committee stressed concerns regarding the wording “Students who have fewer than 18 credit hours of course work left in their Graduate Plan of Study will only have the number of remaining credit hours toward degree completions to attain the 3.0 Graduate Status GPA.” It was decided that Drs. Fritzsche and Jensen will provide new language at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30am. The next meeting will be held on October 6th.