

Graduate Council Policy Committee

January 12, 2022 • 10:30 am • Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Keith Koons (CAH), Robin Back (RCHM), Laurie Neely (CHPS), Annette Bourgault (CON), Stacy Barber (COS, **Chair**), Uluc Aysun (COB), Claudia Andl (COM), Jim Moharam (COP), Ann Shillingford-Butler (CCIE), Devon Jensen (CGS), Barbara Fritzsche (CGS), Jennifer Parham (CGS)

Guests Present: Elizabeth Klonoff (CGS), Sevil Sonmez (COB), Ali Gordon (CECS), Linda Rosa-Lugo (CHPS), Natasha Stubbs (CGS), Tonya Walker (COS)

Recorder: Michele Pozdroll

Welcome and call to order

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

Approval of minutes from November 17th, 2021

Old Business:

Issues when implementing the new probation policy – Dr. Fritzsche led this discussion and provided the new language write-up on the screen for the committee to review and discuss. The committee approved the new language as is for item # 5 of the probation policy. **The new approved language:** *“The maximum number of credits allowable in probationary status is 18, regardless of the number of times a student is placed on probation while pursuing a degree. Hours used during a previous probation period will be subtracted to determine the number of remaining credits the student has to achieve a 3.0 Grad Status GPA”. The committee also **approved the new language for item #13** “Students admitted with Provisional status will be dismissed (with no additional probationary period) if they do not earn the 3.0 GPA in their first 9 hours of coursework. Once the terms of the provisional admission are met, the student will be placed in regular status and can then qualify for probation, if needed”.*

Policy Review/Discussion:

Dissertation Defense-Who should run Dissertation Defense Meetings-Dr. Jensen led this discussion and provide write-up regarding having a potential “neutral chair”. The committee had a lengthy discussion, was not in favor of a neutral chair and decided the problem is more of a plagiarism issue instead of the actual defense issue. The committee did not vote on this agenda item, since the committee did not show any interest regarding a potential neutral chair. Dr. Jensen thanked the committee for all their feedback which was very helpful.

Virtual v F2F defenses-Do we need to update the current policy since the pandemic? Dr. Fritzsche led this discussion and provided the current policy write-up for the committee to review and discuss. It was decided to take this topic back to individual colleges, programs, graduate coordinators, and the Graduate Associate Dean’s meeting for feedback. The feedback will be provided at a later policy meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:22 am. The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2022.

