

**Appalachian State University**  
**Graduate Council**  
**February 18, 2013**  
**(Approved March 18, 2013)**

**Present:** Rebecca Battista, Mark Bradbury, Joseph Cazier, Patty Dale, Keith Davis, Mary Englebert, Pollyanne Frantz, Dru Henson, Holly Hirst, Marie Hoepfl, Edelma Huntley, Jim Killacky, Sandra Krause, Katherine Ledford, Mike Mayfield, Dwayne McSwain, Katrina Palmer, William Pelto, Martin Root, Jennifer Snodgrass, Glenda Treadaway, Mary Valante, Peg Werts

**Excused:** John Abbott, Susan Davies, Randy Gonzalez

**Absent:** William Bradshaw, Charles Duke, Fred Whitt

**Guest:** Scott Collier

1. Dr. Huntley called the meeting to order.
2. It was moved (Valante), seconded (Killacky), and unanimously approved that the minutes of the January 28 meeting be accepted.
3. Announcements from the Graduate School
  - Airport interviews for the Dean of Education will be held in Charlotte on February 25-26.
  - AdmissionPros has a more user-friendly web-based application. The Graduate School is cleaning data as a result of the recent upgrade. There are over 3200 applications in the system for summer and fall – +400 from this time last year. It was noted that email notifications are not being sent to the department when there are applications for review.

4. Curriculum Proposals

**MOTION:** University College: Sustainable Development. Approve

- *UC\_SC\_2012\_2. SD 5100 change course term offering from S to On Demand. Remove dual-listing with SD 4100.*
- *UC\_SD\_2012\_3. SD 5300 change course term offering from S to On Demand.*

**VOTE:** Unanimously approved.

For Information Only: The MA in English is changing the semester in which it offers two courses:

- English 5100, currently offered every fall, will now be offered every spring.
- English 5300, currently offered alternate years in the spring, will now be offered alternate years in the fall, starting Fall, 2013.

5. **Strategic Planning** – Scott Collier. Drs. Collier, Treadaway, and Mayfield are members of the Strategic Planning Committee. Members of the graduate education subcommittee are Drs. Collier and Bazzini and TEC graduate student Doug Wilson.

Where do you see graduate education in 5-10 years? What are the priorities?

- Frequent words that pop up: students, community, and faculty.
- The Graduate Council retreat activity noted that graduate education has greatly changed in the last 5 years.
- need tuition incentives and other support for graduate students; losing NC students to neighboring states
- UNC-GA mandated the review of low enrollment programs. Do we need more programs? Do we enhance those graduate programs doing well?
- need more resources for the Graduate School
- career placement for graduate students
- improve library holdings at the graduate level
- recruit students from other colleges and universities
- provide on campus graduate housing
- provide dedicated space for graduate students either within departments or a Graduate Life Center
- share research being done in programs
- provide statistical and technology support
- decide whether courses will be on campus, off-campus, online or a hybrid
- create post master's certificates of advanced study (12-18 sh)

Graduate enrollments are down nationally, increasing competition among universities.

Email Scott Collier (colliersr) with additional feedback on graduate education.

6. **Campus Prioritization** – The campus is working on Tier 3. To enhance programs, what resources are needed? Over 60% of applications are in 8 departments: HPC, ACC, MBA, TEC, PSY, GJS, SW, and speech/language pathology. Visit the web page for information on program prioritization and enrollments by CIP code:  
<http://www.graduate.appstate.edu/prioritization.html>
7. Update on **4+1 program** –accelerated admissions pilot program. Visit the link for additional information on the [plan for pilot](#) program. Preliminary assessment information should be available next spring, but updates will be provided as the pilot program progresses.
8. Update on limits for transfer and non-degree courses. Council members are asked to continue dialogue in the department and bring feedback to the Graduate Council.
9. Announcements
  - Dr. Davis noted that for the 7<sup>th</sup> year HPC students were accepted to present research posters at the state conference.
  - GRAM information session to be held on February 25 at noon. GRAM application deadline is March 18.
  - Report from Grants, Resources and Services (attached)
  - Report from Research Protections (attached)
10. Motion to adjourn (Killacky).

## Accelerated Admission Pilot Program

As discussed last fall at Graduate Council, we are considering an accelerated admission program that would allow strong rising seniors to get a head start on a graduate program during their senior year. We have identified several programs for the pilot.

### OVERVIEW

Eligible students:

- 3.4 GPA
- completed 90 undergraduate hours by the end of Spring 2013 (i.e., rising seniors)

If accepted, the students would:

- apply for admission to the graduate school for summer or fall 2014 admission, and the GRE would be waived (for the PILOT, the application fee would be waived also)
- be allowed to complete up to 12 graduate hours during their senior year - 9 of which would be allowed to count toward both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements
- "roll" to graduate student standing as soon as undergraduate degree posting is complete, at which time they would then be eligible for NCTS / assistantship funding

Deadline for nominations: April 19, 2013

Advantages:

- This program would allow us to retain some of our stronger undergrad students, and potentially increase the number of graduate students in smaller programs and in those that currently make heavy use of dual-listed courses.
- This program would allow for reduced dependence on dual-listed courses as strong seniors would take the graduate version of the course
- Students could, with careful course selection and sequencing, finish their master's program in one year post undergraduate (hence to common term 4+1 used for these programs)
- Students would pay the undergraduate tuition rate for up to 12 hours of coursework.
- Students could avoid taking the GRE, which currently costs well over \$200.

Disadvantages:

- Students in the program who decide to complete a graduate degree elsewhere will almost certainly not be able to transfer the coursework elsewhere.
- Students will not be classified as graduate students until their undergraduate degree is posted, and so will not be eligible for graduate student funding (NCTS, assistantships)

The students and programs involved in the pilot must also agree to participate in assessment via surveys and focus groups.

# Grants Resources & Services

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## Graduate Council & URC / January 2013 Report from Dr. Pollyanne Frantz, GRS Director

### Initiatives:

- The Grantwriters Education Series, a hands-on interactive series of seven workshops designed to take participants through the proposal development process, focused on grant proposal writing at the third session.
- Frantz and Amy Love continue to work on the implementation of REACH NC
- Two awards were made through the Grant Proposal Development Initiative program.
- Frantz is serving as a mentor in the National Organization of Research Development Professionals Mentoring Program.
- Huntley, Frantz and Love were awarded funding through the Elsevier Foundation's New Scholars Program to support the "Appalachian Women Scientists" initiative.
- Internal funding opportunity competitions currently open:
  - REI/URC Grants Program
  - Board of Trustees International Research Grants Program
  - Microgrants Program

### Other Activities:

- Limited submission competitions conducted:
  - ORAU Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards (closed)
  - NSF Major Research Instrumentation (closed)
  - NEA Grants for Arts Projects FY2014 (open)
- Faculty consultations/meetings:
  - Frantz: 11
  - Love: 13
- Events and webinars:
  - "First Fridays: The Cultural Presentation of Depression in Appalachia" with Drs. Lisa Curtin and Sue Keefe (Nov. 2 / 33 participants)
  - "Competing for funding from the NSF" webinar (Nov. 5 / 3 participants)

- “Revisions to the NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide” webinar (Nov. 19 / 4 participants)
- “Competing for Funding from the NIH” webinar (Dec. 3 / 2 participants).

**Upcoming events:**

- “First Fridays: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching Effectiveness” (Feb. 1, Mar. 1, April 5)
- “University Research Council Grants Program” workshop (TBA)
- “Grantwriters Education Series” (Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, April 19).

*For a complete listing of events, see <http://orsp.appstate.edu/events/orsp>*

Research Protections Report  
Graduate Council and University Research Council  
January 2013

Announcements

- The University approved a new policy, *Human Subject Research Recruitment*, [http://policy.appstate.edu/Human\\_Subject\\_Research\\_Recruitment](http://policy.appstate.edu/Human_Subject_Research_Recruitment), which establishes procedures for external researchers (and Appalachian researchers) seeking Appalachian assistance with recruitment. Research Protections will confirm that external researchers have the appropriate IRB approval before University personnel decide to assist with recruitment.
- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved guidelines for skeletal muscle biopsies: [http://researchprotections.appstate.edu/sites/researchprotections.appstate.edu/files/APPR\\_OVED%20muscle%20biopsy%20guideline%202012-18-2012.pdf](http://researchprotections.appstate.edu/sites/researchprotections.appstate.edu/files/APPR_OVED%20muscle%20biopsy%20guideline%202012-18-2012.pdf)
- The IRB welcomes new members: Dr. Jill Thomley, Mathematical Sciences; Dr. Beth Davison, Sociology; and Ms. Margie Mansure, NC Cooperative Extension.
- The Institutional Biosafety Council (IBC) welcomes new members: Ms. Wendy Patoprsty, NC Cooperative Extension; and Dr. Jennifer Cecil, Chemistry.

Coming Events

- January 28 and 31, Robin Tyndall presents IRB information to Dr. Keefe's class and Dr. Yang's class
- January 23, IRB meeting