

Appalachian State University
Graduate Council
March 18, 2013
Approved April 15, 2013

Present: John Abbott, Rebecca Battista, Mark Bradbury, Patty Dale, Peri David (for Mary Englebert), Keith Davis, Pollyanne Frantz, Dru Henson, Holly Hirst, Marie Hoepfl, Edelma Huntley, Jim Killacky, Sandra Krause, Mike Mayfield, Dwayne McSwain, Katrina Palmer, Martin Root, Jennifer Snodgrass, Mary Valante, Peg Werts

Excused: Joseph Cazier, Katherine Ledford, Glenda Treadaway

Absent: William Bradshaw, Susan Davies, Charles Duke, Randy Gonzalez, William Pelto, Fred Whitt

Guests: Jim Fogelquist, Ed Folts, Martha McCaughey, Susan Staub

1. Dr. Huntley called the meeting to order.
2. It was moved (Killacky), seconded (Root), and unanimously accepted to approve the minutes of the February 18 meeting.
3. Announcements
 - Graduate Student Awards Reception – Thursday, April 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Solarium of the Union. Remarks at 5:20.
 - 3MR (Three-Minute Research). There will be a judged competition on Student Research Day (April 18) of graduate students presenting their research, thesis, or capstone projects. Timeline: 3 minutes with one slide permitted. Students can submit abstracts for invitation to the competition. Prizes are \$100, \$200, and \$400 for People’s Choice.
 - The Assessment and Review committee may be asked to meet with SACS visitors to discuss assessment and student learning outcomes. Programs may be asked to provide additional information. Dr. Mayfield noted that the site leader asked for separate information for on-campus and off-campus programs, but Bobby Sharp responded that they are treated the same.
 - Awards committee. There are 65 applicants who meet and/or exceed requirements for Provost and Chancellor’s Fellows. With 530 applicants, there will be students wait-listed.
 - Program for prioritization. The Graduate School was asked to provide information on graduate student debt. IRAP pulled data for 2011-12 and responded with an average accumulated debt figure. This information will be shared with graduate programs by concentration, program, department, and college. The Council of Graduate Schools released an RFP to provide financial literacy training to graduate students.

4. Old Business

There is a motion from the Curriculum Committee to limit courses taken by seniors taking graduate courses and courses taken as graduate students prior to admission to a maximum of 9 s.h. Dr. Cazier notified Dr. Hirst that there are concerns for Business with this limitation.

MOTION 1: It was moved (Killacky) and seconded (Bradbury) that this vote be postponed until the April meeting when Dr. Cazier can be present for discussion.

VOTE 1: Motion unanimously approved.

5. New Business – Curriculum Proposals

MOTION 2: Department of English. Approve

CAS_ENG_2012_03. Add ENG 5998 (Thesis Preparation)

CAS_ENG_2012_04. Change MA in English, General English Concentration (Code 232C) to include ENG 5998

VOTE 2: Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION 3: Department of Sociology. The Curriculum Committee did not make a recommendation. It was moved (Killacky) and seconded (Davis) that the following proposals be approved:

CAS_SOC_2012_07 Add Graduate Certificate in Gender, Work, and Families

CAS_SOC_2012_08 Add SOC 5810 (The Gendered Society)

CAS_SOC_2012_09 Add SOC 5820 (Gender, Work, and Organizations)

CAS_SOC_2012_10 Add SOC 5830 (American Identities: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality)

CAS_SOC_2012_11 Add SOC 5840 (Gender and Intimate Relationships)

CAS_SOC_2012_12 Add SOC 5860 (Issues in Gender, Inequality, and Social Change)

Concerns from the Curriculum Committee: 1) document evidence of demand; 2) have additional dialogue on departments, such as HPC, SW, Business; 3) better define the audience to make it more obvious who might benefit to better justify and market; 4) clarify whether an additional position will be allocated to support this certificate.

MOTION 3 Amended: Dr. Killacky amended the motion to table the proposals in order for the department to respond to the concerns. Second by Dr. Davis.

VOTE 3: The amended motion was unanimously approved.

6. Other

- Dr. Steve Roberts from Oak Ridge Associated Universities will make a presentation on Friday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m. in 421 Belk Library.
- RCOE dean candidate #2 is on campus March 18-19 with a public presentation on Tuesday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. Candidate #3 is scheduled March 20-21; candidate #4 on March 25-26; and candidate #5 on March 28-29.
- Vachel Miller will serve as Interim Director of the Doctoral Program effective July 1.
- The number of Chancellor's Fellows funded will depend on tuition costs. There may need to be discussion whether to float the number of fellowships depending on tuition costs or to cap funding per fellowship.
- Report from Grants, Resources and Services (attached)
- Report from Research Protections (attached)

7. Motion to adjourn (Killacky).

Grants Resources & Services

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Initiatives:

- The Grantwriters Education Series, a hands-on interactive series of seven workshops designed to take participants through the proposal development process, met February 22 for a combined session on budgeting basics and research protections
- Frantz and Amy Love continue to work on the implementation of REACH NC
- Frantz continues to serve as a mentor in the National Organization of Research Development Professionals Mentoring Program
- Frantz and Love are working with the Humanities Council Coordinator and graduate assistant to facilitate access to humanities-related funding opportunities
- Frantz and Love attended the SPARC Funding Opportunities Group meeting at the UNC General Administration; Frantz delivered a presentation on “Increasing Faculty Use of Funded Research Databases.”

Other Activities:

- Faculty consultations:
 - Frantz: 6
 - Love: 2
- Internal funding opportunity and/or limited submission competition faculty review coordination:
 - Board of Trustees International Research Grants
 - NEA Grants for Arts Projects FY2014
 - Microgrants Program
- Events:
 - Graduate Student Workshops on Locating and Evaluating Funding Opportunities (2 sessions; Feb. 13 and 14 / 11 participants)
 - University Research Council Grants Program Workshop (Feb. 11 / 16 participants)
 - “First Fridays: The World of Music in a 21st Century Curriculum” featuring Dr. Suzi Mills, Hayes School of Music (Mar. 1 / 7).

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

Upcoming events:

- Appalachian Women Scientists initiative second faculty meeting (Mar. 4)
- Grantwriters Education Series (Mar. 22, April 19)
- Graduate Student Workshops on Grant Proposal Writing (Mar. 20 & 29)
- First Fridays: “Multi-Generational Perspectives: How They Interact and Impact Service to Students and Their Families in an Age of Highly-involved Parents” featuring Dr. Andrea Wawrzusin, University Registrar (April 5).
- Research Café: “Brazil” featuring Mr. Keith McCutchen, Hayes School of Music (April 12)
- Hayes School of Music Faculty and Graduate Student Workshop on Finding Travel Funding (April 12)

Research Protections (RP) Report
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Announcements

- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) Biomedical subcommittee approved a guideline for maximal exercise testing of low risks participants.
<http://researchprotections.appstate.edu/human-subjects/irb-policies-guidelines>
- Research Protections moved from the Graduate School suite on the 2nd floor of JET to the 3rd floor of JET into the old Office of Student Research space.

Coming Events

- March 19, IRB meeting
- March 28, Robin Tyndall, IRB 101 for Dr. Diane Waryold's class
- March 29, Julie Taubman, Introduction to the Responsible Conduct of Research for Dr. Jennifer Cecile's class