

Graduate Council
Appalachian State University
Minutes of the Meeting held September 18, 2006
(Approved October 16, 2006)

Members Present: William Brewer, Keith Davis, Charles Duke, Pollyanne Frantz, Sammie Garner, Bill Harbinson, Dave Haney, Dru Henson, Holly Hirst, Marie Hoepfl, Edelma Huntley, Mike Kernodle, Alecia Jackson, Bob Johnson, Nancy Mamlin, Frank Monterisi, Dick Parrott, Nancy Schneeloch-Bingham, Jill Thomley, Jenny Ware, James Westerman, Ray Williams

Members Absent/Excused: Randy Edwards, Mark Estep, William Pollard, Philip Witmer

Guests: Michael Almond, Mark Ginn

1. Dr. Huntley called the meeting to order and welcomed returning members, new members, and guests to the first meeting of the 2006-07 academic year.
2. A corrected copy of the April 24, 2006 minutes was distributed. It was moved (Mamlin), seconded (Williams), and unanimously accepted that the minutes be approved with changes.
3. Reports/Announcements from Edelma Huntley
 - A. Distributed were
 - A New Charge to the University of North Carolina: Helping to Lead the Economic Transformation of the State Discussion Paper for Meeting of the UNC Economic Development Council (August 10, 2006)
 - Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing American for a Better Future
 - B. There are 10 Chancellor's Fellows. There will be a Student Recognition Reception held on November 2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Broyhill Inn and Conference Center to recognize Chancellor's Fellows, Diversity Fellows, Alumni scholars, and Alumni Fellows.
 - C. Two consultants are invited to campus to review the structure of Research and Graduate Studies. These consultants will meet with the Deans, Chancellor, Provost, Research Development Officers, the Graduate Education task force chair, and others.
 - D. The Graduate Education Task Force will present recommendations in October.
 - E. *Transforming Campuses*. General Administration funded Appalachian for a grant to promote research. There will be 7 awards in Spring. The grant will pay for the research education series which will provide training for new grant writers and also a project to create a grant writing toolbox which will give faculty online resources.

- F. There will be 3 standing Graduate Council committees: Academic Policies, Student Development, and Student Affairs.
4. Reports/Announcements from Graduate Studies – Holly Hirst
- A. Fall Commencement is December 10
- 10:00 a.m. for Education and Arts and Sciences
 - 2:00 p.m. for Business, Music, and Fine and Applied Arts
- B. Professional Science Masters Programs currently under discussion: Applied Physics, Financial Math, Wine Science, Materials Science, Sustainable Development
- C. Peace Corps MA International Programs. The 3 Master's International groups are elementary education, secondary English, and secondary math. Students serve a tour of duty then have on-campus residency. Their diversity and products of learning will be worked on when students are off-campus.
- D. Application/Enrollment Data ([Preliminary Report](#)). The Graduate School admitted fewer (9%) students, but 683 enrolled which is 5% more than last year. Several departments decreased in numbers of applications. Enrollments are up (1759 degree seeking from 1696), with some departments having a 10% increase in fall enrollment. To see enrollment/admission information, visit <http://www.graduate.appstate.edu/gradstudies/facultystaff/factbook.html>.
- E. Approval Path for Changes to Policy in the *Graduate Bulletin*. Visit <http://www.graduate.appstate.edu/gradstudies/facultystaff/agendas/approvalprocess.pdf>. Items requiring Graduate Council approval include course changes, course or program requirements, etc. Information items only include admission deadlines, changes to semester offerings, text changes. This policy change will be discussed by the Academic Policies committee. Comments are welcome.
5. Reports/Announcements from Research and Sponsored Programs – Bob Johnson
- A. Reports:
- June
- [June Award Recipients](#)
 - [June Analysis Report](#)
 - [FY 2005-06 Year End](#)
- July
- [July Award Recipients](#)
 - [July Analysis Report](#)
 - [FY 2006-07 To Date](#)
- August
- [August Award Recipients](#)
 - [August Analysis Report](#)
 - [FY 2006-07 To Date](#)
- B. University Research Council deadline for grant proposals is October 2.
- C. Seed State Associates from Winston-Salem will be on campus October 13 for the Start-up Boot Camp. This program provides information to faculty interested in starting their own company.

- D. Fred Winter, Senior Program Officer at NEH, will present a workshop on October 26 in 03 EDH. The workshop will give an overview of the National Endowment for the Humanities and how to write competitive proposals and will include mock review panels.
- E. The Board of Trustees approved Appalachian's Intellectual Property Policy. The policy, which will be posted on the web, outlines the policies and procedures related to the disclosure of Intellectual property, IP protection, ownership, and royalty distribution.
- F. Educational Course Materials Development Agreement outlines the regulations surrounding work the University has commissioned to faculty and staff.
- G. Pollyanne Frantz reported on
 - Research Education Series helping first-time Grantwriters. Deadline for participation is October 29.
 - A research workshop for new faculty will be held October 6, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

6. Curriculum Proposals – Department of Mathematical Sciences

Add STT 5811 Statistical Concepts and Applications I/(3).F.

Add STT 5812. Statistical Concepts and Applications II with Probability and Modeling/(3).S.

It was moved (Hoepfl) and seconded (Mamlin) that the proposals be approved. Note: The catalog description will be corrected to reflect dual listing. Motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.

7. Michael Almond serves as an advisor to the Chancellor on Economic Development and Director of ARDI. Global economy equals knowledge of the economy, and knowledge comes from universities. Taxpayers have an expectation that in a knowledge-based economy institutions will produce benefits that will impact the economy: new/better jobs and investment. In May of this year the Board of Governors detailed economic transformation. Eva Kleine & Associates were engaged to produce a study of what people in NC need from universities over the next few years and how universities will meet those needs. What can Appalachian do internally and externally to make it more relevant to real economic issues? The purpose of an Economic Development Planning group is to identify, apply and leverage ASU's intellectual capabilities in western NC and promote sustainability and economic life in the region.

There needs to be a greater awareness across campus. Administration needs to know what faculty are doing. It was suggested that Dr. Huntley collect and prioritize information describing what faculty are doing.

8. Meeting adjourned.