

University Graduate Council
GL 835/HL 155
Monday, January 28, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Graduate Council members present: Fred Blevens (SJMC), Chair, Adis Beesting (Library), Winifred Newman (CARTA), Karlene Cousins (BU), Liz Cramer (ED) Mary Tanke (HM), Rita Mukhopadhyay (COM), Matthew Mirow (Law), Kang K. Yen (CEC), Lidia Kos, (Graduate School), Dennis McCarthy, (CNHS), Laura De Carli (AS), Misak Sargsian (AS), Alok Deoraj (CPHSW), Svetlana Tyutina (Graduate Student)

Guest: Shahid Hamid, Chair, Curriculum Committee

1. Call to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Discussion of UGS Proposed New Policy on Conditional Admissions

- Want to eliminate conditional admittance below the stated requirements. Most units are very below the 10% limit.
- Allows unit to make their own decisions.
- Applies to Masters students only.
- Most SUS have a 10% quota of conditional admits.
- UGS will monitor the number of conditional admits per program per School/College.
- Recommend that the language in the policy clearly state that programs with fewer than 10 students may admit 1 student conditionally without petition.

Motion: Graduate Council recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the UGS Proposed New Policy on Conditional Admissions. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of UGS Proposal on Graduate Admission Criteria & Denial

- Graduate Admission will review only the stated GPA and pass the application on the unit. The unit may calculate that last 60 hour GPA.
- Units may retain their GPA calculation policies as stated in the catalog.
- This change will allow the Graduate Admissions Office to process applications faster.
- Lidia will run a report to see how this change in policy would affect the units.
- Lidia will contact the unit Graduate Program Directors to see how they feel about this policy change.

Motion to table proposal approved unanimously.

4. Discussion of online Ph.D. programs

- Lidia researched how many PhD program are fully online and found that in the state of Florida only UF has one. A further analysis of the peer institutions mentioned in the proposal indicates that the programs mentioned all have on-campus requirements. Berkeley, Yale & all the others have residency requirements.
- National Security concerns are at issue.
- At Berkeley, WASC accreditation body has a process to review and approve online courses and programs.
- Lidia K. is following up with Susan Himburg to see if SACs has specific requirements for online programs courses.
- Mary T. recommended that a specific list of concerns be developed so that FIU Online may address each issue.
- We need to develop criteria to match these concerns. Need to have a careful, informed discussion. This isn't about resistance, but about measured progress to develop these programs.
 - On-campus residency requirements
 - Teaching
 - Research
 - National Security
 - Assessment

- Proposals & Defenses
 - The Graduate Council will continue to discuss this issue at an upcoming business meeting.
 - Adis will send out a Doodle Poll to check member availability for the next meeting.

Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Secretary