

**GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 2, 2013**

The following members were present: David Johnson, English, Chair; Nancy Marcus, Dean, The Graduate School; Gerrie Houlihan, Visual Arts; Sudhir Aggarwal, Computer Science; Tomi Gomory, Social Work; Gary Burnett, Communication & Information; Elwood Carlson, Sociology; Peter Hoeflich, Physics; Jamila Horabin, Biomedical Science; Ron Doel, Arts and Sciences; Karla Schmitt, Nursing; William Fredrickson, Music; Nancy Everhart, Communication and Information; Bong-Soo Lee, Business; Diana Rice, Education; Linda DeBrunner, Engineering

The following members were absent: Elizabeth Burch, Law; Jasminka Ilich-Ernst, Human Sciences; Brian Gaber, Film/Music; Sherry Southerland, Education; Patricia Born, Business; Stanley Gontarski, Arts and Sciences; Kaifeng Yang, Social Science; Marc Gertz, Criminology

Also present: Colin Creasy, The Graduate School; Judy Devine, The Graduate School; Jennifer Buchanan, Faculty Development and Advancement; Susan Porterfield, Nursing

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M by David Johnson, Chair.

Exception to the residency rule for Doctor of Nursing Practice students – Dr. Porterfield explained that the DNP program was established in 2009 and has recently been dealing with issues of part-time residency. They have requested exceptions for the past few years for students to take 24 credits in 16 months rather than 12 months.

Dean Marcus explained that there seems to be support for this kind of discontinued residency requirement in professional doctoral degrees.

Dr. Schmitt explained that this is a great idea as it is many students only choice.

Dr. Gomory asked if this was an issue of students taking too long. Dean Marcus explained that this was a difference between residency requirements and slippage. Dr. Schmitt explained that most are part-time students who already have Masters Degrees and are working in their field.

Dr. DeBrunner questioned research hours. Dr. Marcus explained that DNP doesn't have these types of credits/courses.

It was moved by Dr. Schmitt and seconded by Dr. Debrunner to accept the policy:

The College of Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice program permit DNP students, if they so desire, to complete their residency requirement by registering for twenty-four credits during a consecutive sixteen-month period.

Passed

Revised language to address graduate faculty status issues associated with Law School faculty –

Dean Marcus explained that because Law School faculty teach students who already hold undergraduate degrees, they should automatically be granted GTS/CDDS status, a proposal supported by the College's administration.

DeBrunner asked why they wouldn't be granted GFS. Dean Marcus explained that the difference between students earning JDs vs PhDs was the reason for the status. Dr. Johnson added that while GFS is appropriate to participate at all levels of graduate education, it's not appropriate for Law faculty because their students do not form master's or doctoral committees.

DeBrunner asked why Law should be given this exception. Dean Marcus explained that this was due to the fact that they do not teach any undergraduate courses in the College of Law; it would streamline the process, and encourage the participation of College of Law faculty in general graduate education.

Dr. Aggarwal argued that departments outside of Law could grant these instructors GFS if need be. Dean Marcus explained that, while true, departments were hesitant to grant outside faculty GFS status.

Dr. Aggarwal asked why Law faculty would be allowed to hold GFS ever. Dr. Johnson explained that exceptions can be made, and Dean Marcus added that a Law professor could hypothetically hold a JD in Law but also hold a PhD in Economics yet be a member of the Law faculty.

It was moved by Dr. Schmitt and seconded by Dr. Horiban to accept the policy:

Special case of the College of Law

In addition, Graduate Teaching Status (GTS), Co-Doctoral Directive Status (CDDS), and Co-Master's Directive Status (CMDS) are automatically granted to faculty members in the College of Law who hold tenure track appointments and possess an appropriate terminal degree (e.g., J.D.). The rationale for this policy is that these faculty are hired for the purpose of only educating post-baccalaureate students, unlike other segments of the university where faculty are hired to teach undergraduates and must be granted GFS or GTS to teach graduate students and engage in graduate education activities in their disciplines. A tenured faculty member in the College of Law cannot serve as an official University Representative on a doctoral committee unless GFS is awarded to that faculty member by an eligible graduate program. However, since this policy also grants CDDS and CMDS to College of Law faculty they can serve on master's and doctoral committees and co-advise a student in an official capacity though they cannot count towards the minimum number of GFS members required for such committees.

Passed

With no new business to be presented, Dr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P.M.