

**GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

The following members were present: George Bates, GPC Chair, Biology; Nancy Marcus, Dean, Graduate Studies; Colleen Muscha, Theatre; Rebecca Miles, Social Sciences; Molly Wasko, Business; Michael Reisig, Criminology; Flip Froelich, Oceanography; Lois Shepard, Law; Ulla Bunz, Communication; Amy Chan Hilton, Engineering; Bettye Anne Case, Math; Peter Easton, Education; Kathleen Erndl, Religion; Anne Rowe, Dean of Faculties; Susan Lynn, Education; Seth Beckman, Music; Darcy Siebert, Social Work

The following members were absent - alternates present are listed in parentheses: Eliza Dresang, Information (Christie Koontz); Linda Sullivan, Nursing; Rodney Roberts, Engineering; Frank Tomasulo, Film; Ron Mullis, Human Sciences; Lee Stepina, Business; Randy Rill, Medicine; David MacPherson, Economics; David Johnson, Humanities; Andy Mauk, Education; Matthew Chandler, Graduate Student Representative

Also present: Donna Wieckowicz, Office of Graduate Studies; Judy Devine, Graduate Studies; Cindy Green, International Center; Kristen Hagen, International Center

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. Dr. Bates presented for approval the 9/17/07, 10/1/07, 10/15/07, 12/3/07, 12/10/07, and 1/28/08 minutes. There being no objection the minutes were approved as distributed.

Dr. Bates informed the GPC that the next agenda item, University-Wide Teaching Standards, has been tabled for a future meeting.

Dr. Bates presented the revised proposal for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) to the committee for consideration. A straw vote of the members present at the 1/28/08 meeting was taken and all unanimously approved the Proposal for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, with final action to be taken by the full committee today.

It was **moved** by Dr. Beckman to accept the implementation of the new degree proposal for the DNP in Nursing. Motion was **seconded** by Dr. Miles and **passed**.

The next agenda item concerning the full-time vs. part-time status of graduate students was discussed at the 10/29/07 GPC meeting. The suggestions from that meeting have been incorporated in the revised version presented for discussion today. Concerns regarding the 24 hour residency requirement were raised. It was pointed out that the residency requirement is separate from this policy and students must comply with the residency requirement.

It was **moved** by Dr. Beckman to accept the proposed full-time vs. part-time status of graduate students policy. The motion was **seconded** by Dr. Lynn and **passed**.

Dr. Bates informed the GPC that the recommended policy will be presented to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee for final approval.

Based on earlier GPC discussions, Dr. Bates, Dr. Froelich and Dr. Johnson reviewed the present GFS, DDS, and MDS policy for tenure-track faculty and suggested changes to the present policy. The recommendations seek to simplify the policies and procedures used at FSU for granting and reviewing graduate faculty status by de-emphasizing the subclassifications of GFS for the tenure-track faculty, and delegating responsibilities contained within DDS and MDS to individual department, college, and program authorities. The current privileges separately known as MDS and DDS will be collapsed into GFS for tenure-track faculty. The current practice and usage of DDS and MDS and Sunsetting would disappear. This will bring FSU policy and practice into line with a vast majority of our peer and aspirational (AAU) universities. The criteria for GFS would be based on what is most appropriate for the program. Each college and department will adopt specific criteria that its faculty must meet in order to be granted GFS. These criteria will be approved by the academic dean, GPC and Dean of Graduate Studies.

The GPC discussed how to ascertain the quality of the departments during the program review process and the general confusion of the new meaning vs. the old meaning of GFS. How to judge the quality of a graduate program was discussed and it was suggested that the GPC review should focus on issues such as: unit structure, curriculum, needs of the students, retention and completion rates, time to completion, professional development of students and student placement. Some concern was expressed regarding usage of the same term GFS for tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty since there would now be differences in the meaning of the term for the two groups. It was suggested that a new category called Graduate Teaching Status (GTS) be created to cover non-tenure-track faculty.

It was **moved** by Dr. Beckman to approve the GFS recommendations and send forward to the Faculty Senate Steering committee. The motion was **seconded** by Dr. Miles and **passed**.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM