

**Graduate Council Special Meeting
January 21, 2011
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Approved Minutes**

Faculty Present: S. Alaimo, W. Boeve, A. Bostrom, D. Cannon, N. Diarrassouba, V. Long, A. Lowen, M. Luttenton, M. Staves, R. Wilson

Administrative Ex-Officio Present: C. Bajema, B. Cole, I. Fountain, T. James-Heer, S. Lipnicki, J. Montag, J. Potteiger, J. Stevenson

Elected Student Reps Present: J. Amisi, A. Crosby

Ex-Officio Students Present: Y. Nath, J. Ott, A. Schulte

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
I. Call to Order	M. Luttenton called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM and thanked W. Boeve for chairing the GC during the Fall 2010 semester.	
II. Approval of Agenda		Motion: D. Cannon moved to approve the agenda. N. Diarrassouba seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Discussion of Policies – V. Long	<p>Graduate Academic Policy on the Award of Two or More Masters Degrees Comments: the term “judgment” in 1B might not be objective; 1C could be interpreted to mean the thesis may be transferred in, and that credit hours earned elsewhere should come from a regional accrediting institution. GC members determined that changes/clarification was not necessary.</p> <p>Graduate Academic Policy on the Transfer of Credit to a Graduate Program Item #2 is stated this way to clarify that the student does not have the right to transfer credit, but it is at the graduate program director’s discretion to allow it. Not all programs have a “GPD,” therefore;</p>	<p>Motion: M. Staves moved to approve the Graduate Academic Policy on the Award of Two or More Masters Degrees. A. Crosby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion: W. Boeve moved to approve the Graduate Academic Policy on the Transfer of Credit to a Graduate Program as amended. N. Diarrassouba seconded. Motion</p>

	<p>“designee” should be added.</p> <p>Graduate Academic Policy on Approval of Course Waivers, Course Substitutions, and Individual Program Plans A. Lowen requested an amendment to add credit transfers as an example, to “substitute or transfer a course to meet a program requirement.” The document should state “credit transfer” rather than “course transfer” because the credit might not be for a traditional course. The wording should be changed to indicate “at the direction of regular faculty.”</p> <p>Graduate Academic Policy on Dual Listed Courses This policy is reinstating an option that was available previously. It requires a single syllabus. This policy affects graduate and undergraduate courses; therefore, Robert Adams has been informed and is waiting for the Graduate Council to act on it, after which it will be voted on in UCC then on to ECS/UAS. Item #1 should state “Graduate Council” rather than “Graduate Council Curriculum Committee.” Item #2 should be restated to clarify that a student may not take the course for undergraduate credit and later take it for graduate credit. In Item #6, the syllabus must be filed with the graduate dean but there is also a university repository for syllabi. C. Bajema noted that dual enrollment is different from dual listed courses, e.g. undergraduate students may take graduate courses for graduate credit.</p> <p>Review The four policies have been approved and will now go forward to Graduate Program Directors for review. The rationale does not get approved but is provided for editorial comment. All documents are on the Blackboard site. GC members were asked to review the rationales and submit comments to V. Long by next Wednesday.</p>	<p>passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion: M. Staves moved to approve the Graduate Academic Policy on Approval of Course Waivers, Course Substitutions, and Individual Program Plans as amended. V. Long seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion: A. Crosby moved to approve the Graduate Academic Policy on Dual Listed Courses as amended. D. Cannon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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	<p>Taking non dual listed 400 level graduate courses for graduate credit is a separate issue from these policies, but it would be addressed.</p> <p>GC members should notify their deans that these policies were acted on. J. Potteiger will address the policies with Deans Council.</p>	
IV. Old/New Business	<p>The GC will discuss grade inflation by program area at the next full Graduate Council meeting on January 28th. D. Vaughn will be in attendance to participate in the discussion. All voting members have a copy of the dataset.</p> <p>J. Potteiger will be out of the office on January 28th.</p>	
V. Adjournment		<p>Motion: M. Staves moved to adjourn. A. Lowen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.</p>