

**Graduate Council
September 24, 2010
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Approved Minutes**

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

Administrative Ex-Officio Present: C. Bajema, B. Cole, I. Fountain, J. Potteiger, J. Stevenson, W. Widmaier

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

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

Guest: Nancy Levenburg, Chair, UAS

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
I. Call to Order	W. Boeve called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.	
II. Approval of Agenda		Motion: V. Long moved to approve the agenda. P. Jorgensen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2010		Motion: N. Diarrassouba moved to approve the Graduate Council meeting minutes of April 16, 2010. A. Lowen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Report of the Chair – W. Boeve	The graduate faculty policy is back on the ECS agenda today to be voted on. The Graduate Council Officers meeting is next Friday to discuss key issues on graduate education at GVSU. They may write a white paper to share with the full Council.	
V. Report of the Dean- Jeffrey Potteiger	The differential admissions categories will be implemented in Fall 2011. Categories will include provisional and conditional, full, denied, and nondegree.	

<p>VI. Curriculum Subcommittee Report – M. Staves</p>	<p>Approximately 19 course and program changes were in the online curriculum queue. At the last GC-CC meeting, 3 were approved, 4 were sent back to the authors for corrections or clarification. The GC-CC is also reviewing dual-listed courses and will address language for graduate certificates on the new curriculum system. There should be a policy stating that courses can't be counted twice for both an undergraduate and graduate degree. ECS would like the GC to put all the issues together so they can be acted upon at the same time. GC members discussed externally funded programs and courses. There needs to be more communication before proposals go out to ensure that the impact on curriculum is considered.</p>	
<p>VII. Policy Subcommittee Report – V. Long</p>	<p>The full GC attended the last GC-PC meeting to vote on the language to be used in the graduate faculty policy that refers to faculty who teach graduate classes.</p> <p>The GC-PC is developing standardized language for policies. D. Cannon worked on requirements for a master's degree as well as a glossary of terms.</p> <p>GC members discussed minimum requirements for graduate admissions at university level vs. program level and how these are tracked. The Registrar's office can run reports. Conditional and provisional admissions will ensure that students who are deficient in certain areas will meet criteria before being fully admitted. The Graduate Studies GA will contact Institutional Analysis for data on the number of students being admitted with lower GPAs, those that don't have the appropriate prerequisites, and other such issues.</p> <p>GC members discussed concerns about admitting students with bachelor's degrees from community colleges and from institutions that are not as high quality as GVSU. If those colleges are accredited by their regional accrediting body, it is acceptable to admit them.</p>	

VIII. GPSA Report – Y. Nath	GPSA selected Kids Food Basket for a service project, and are also participating in the Santa Girls book drive with the SCB grad student group. Joe Amisi and Andy Crosby were appointed interim GC student representatives. GPSA is working to become a voting member of Student Senate. Grad Club is being held on most Mondays and Thursdays. They plan to use one day for a social networking day and the other for workshops, such as Toastmasters, and are seeking increased involvement from colleges through the deans, and increasing efforts for GPSA’s continuity.	
IX. New Business	GC members took a moment to remember Dr. Rodney Mulder, professor and former dean of the School of Social Work, who passed away earlier in the week.	
X. Old Business	GC members will be informed of ECS’s action on the graduate faculty policy. The proposed language change should be agreed upon before it goes to UAS to avoid resistance as it does not affect the nature of the policy. GC members were reminded to speak with their college senate representatives about the policy to address any concerns.	
XI. Adjournment		Motion to Adjourn: P. Jorgensen moved to adjourn. D. Cannon seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Minutes approved at the October 22, 2010 Graduate Council meeting.