

Graduate Council Minutes
Sept. 25, 2012

Members attending: Buchwalter, Candler, Eggen, Kasten, Kavan, Nies, Moore, Schonning, Shaw, Sheffler, Stanley, Vose, Zhan, Zoellner, Reigger, Roberson, Kapcio.
Guests attending: C. Campbell

Dr. Roberson opened the meeting. The minutes from the final 2011-2012 meeting had not been approved, so members agreed to approve minutes for both the April 2012 meeting and the September 2012 meeting at the next council meeting on October 23, 2012. A member suggested that a link to the minutes be provided when agendas or meeting reminders are sent.

Dr. Roberson introduced the concurrent degree policy, distributed copies, and read the draft to council members. Members discussed details of the policy. Members suggested changes to the draft language to provide clarity. Members also discussed the Banner limitation which requires a “work around” in order to enroll the few students who request to be in more than 2 programs (for example 2 degrees and a certificate program). Dr. Roberson will check on the ability to make a change to Banner to accommodate more than 2 per student. Dr. Roberson will bring the policy back to the next meeting with the suggested changes.

Dr. Roberson reported back to members that the graduate certificate policy was reviewed by the Chairs and the Deans. A statement was added to exempt from the policy current certificate programs which are larger than the number of graduate credits stated in the policy. “The number of graduate credits within a graduate certificate program cannot be less than 9 or more than one-half of the credits necessary for a related master's degree. *Certificate programs approved prior to the implementation of this policy are exempt from these credit limitations.*”

Dr. Roberson called for any additional items for today or future agendas. Members asked questions about requirements and training for Graduate Academic Learning Compacts (GALC). Dr. Roberson clarified the GALC requirements to collect and report data by March 2013 and gave options for training such as meetings with him by college in small groups or individually, as well as meetings to train on the TracDat software to include Judy Miller. Members agreed GALC would be an agenda item for the October meeting.

Dr. Roberson gave two updates. The Graduate Assistant Policy is in the works; currently collecting information and drafting language. A first draft will be available at the October meeting. The applications for Graduate Transformational Learning Opportunities (TLO) are available and due 10/18/12.

Dr. Roberson adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.
Submitted by Patrice Kapcio