

Graduate Council Meeting  
Minutes  
September 23, 2014

Members in attendance: Gilson, Candler, Curry, Gilg, Godwyll, Jaeger, Kavan, Lange, Nies, Lichty, Pascale, Kantner, Stanley, Vose, Patterson, Zoellner, Biernacki, Seabrooks-Blackmore, Wynn, Hogan, Farara, Mettler, Moore, Christi.

Guests in attendance: Judith Miller, Campbell, Goel.

Dr. Kantner called the meeting to order at 12:24pm

Dr. Kantner welcomes the members of the Graduate Council and introduces the Graduate School staff. He announces the new Program Assistant position in the Graduate School and what the position entails. All members and guests were then directed to introduce themselves to the group.

Presentation: Dr. Kantner begins a presentation on the enrollment for the Graduate School. He goes over the FTE, the 2015 thesis award, the Graduate Lecture series, and the Thesis and dissertation sessions facilitated by the Graduate School. He requested the input of the Graduate Council on the UNF research week, and what could be done for the Graduate research day.

Dr. Kantner goes on to explain the changes with the programs in 2014-2015. Some programs have been terminated, added, or changes and proposals been made. Dr. Kantner gave the deadline for a request to plan a new program.

The motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting was unanimously passed.

Judith Miller updated the Graduate Council of the GALC changes. The categories used to assess Graduate Programs came into discussion, being that some do not apply to specific Graduate programs. Judith Miller then proposed that there be a list of six, and that each program could choose a minimum of four categories that apply to them. This led to a more in depth discussion on the categories and better ways this process can be completed.

Dr. Kantner introduces the topic of SACS accreditation in regards to the GTA requirements. He expressed that meeting the requirements for one to be called a GTA is difficult, though the need for them is high. Other institutions find ways around the requirements, by changing the name. Those in attendance began to express their views on how the GTA positions are handled in their department and how the SACS requirement could be changed.

Cross-Disciplinary shared courses became the next discussion, and how students from other programs can interact. Then, Dr. Kantner asked for input for strategies on promotion and recruitment for Graduate School programs. Some include targeted program advertising, magazines as well as social media, and the internet. The Council gave their opinions on what may work, including the financial aspect of advertising. Dr. Kantner then gave a brief description of the Program Assistant in the Graduate

School, and how they will be used to recruit and advertise the programs within the Graduate School. The Council was also invited to attend the current Graduate Fairs, if available.

No other questions or comments.

Dr. Kantner adjourned the meeting at 1:38p.m.