

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
SENATE GRADUATE COMMITTEE**

The Senate Graduate Committee met on Thursday, October 19, 2006, in 108 Mitchell Hall.

Present: Lonna Atkeson, Anne Calhoon, *Barbara Carver, Ann Cunliffe, Joseph Garcia, *Mariana Ibáñez, Jim Jacob (chair), Ann Massmann, Sue Queen, Wolfgang, Rudolph, *David Sanchez, Yu-Lin Shen, Sam Truett, Mary Walker, and *Amy Wohlert

Excused: Ron Andrews, Marianne Berwick, Claudia Isaac, *Kathleen Sena and Geoff Shuster

Absent: Glenn Kostur and Zane Reeves

* Ex-Officio

Minutes:

Mary Walker moved approval of the October 5, 2006 Committee minutes; Lonna Atkeson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Curriculum Subcommittee Report:

Anne Cunliffe presented the subcommittee's recommendations to the SGC as follows:

- a) Two Forms C from Anderson School of Management revising the accounting concentrations in both the MBA and Master of Accounting degrees. The changes were recommended by their recent accreditation visit by the AACSB. The motion was approved.
- b) Form B for AMST 422/522 – The Atomic Bomb: Los Alamos to Hiroshima was approved after she noted that the subcommittee had requested the department to consider a number change from 322/522 to 422/522.
- c) Form C from Chemistry changing the department name to Chemistry and Chemical Biology. The Committee approved the form after reassurance that Biology and Biochemistry, as well as A& S had been consulted and did not object to the name change.
- d) Form C from Speech and Hearing Sciences requesting new core/required course for MS in Speech-Language Pathology degree. The Committee approved the form once they learned that current students were being advised to take the new required course (SHS532-Augmentative Communication) and/or selecting the appropriate Catalog outlining degree requirements.
- e) Form B for LLSS 606 – Case Study Research Methods was approved by the Committee.
- f) Two Forms C from School of Engineering correcting Catalog language for both Mechanical and Manufacturing masters-level degrees. The forms correct degree requirements reflecting those recognized by OGS.

- g) A Form C from Mechanical Engineering clarifying the degree requirements for the MS degree Plans I & II; approved by the Committee.

Discussion on Form B “Duplication” Question:

Professor Cunliffe began the discussion by explaining that the FSCC has raised the issue of how course duplication is determined. She noted that the current Form B asks a series of questions that implies the proposing department is responsible for making the determination if duplication exists or not. If the FSCC wants evaluation by the programs that offer courses that might be duplicated by approval of the new course, then perhaps the questions need revision.

The Committee discussed how the FSCC define duplication, if the questions on the Form B ask for the right information, who should determine if duplication of content exists, why worry about duplication and the subcommittee’s role in determining duplication. The Committee also discussed how to use the review for duplication as a tool to advertise the proposed course and/or encouraging students to take courses in other disciplines.

Jim Jacob will contact Kathleen Sena to discuss the duplication issue and options related to both the Form B and the Registrar’s handbook.

Catalog Subcommittee Report:

Jim Jacob presented the Committee with a list of minor language changes for the 2007 Catalog. The changes were to add clarity to various sections of the Catalog. As the language changes are routine, no action by the Committee was required.

He pointed out a problem with the policy language approved by the Committee at the October 5 meeting. The language regarding who could use of the Graduate Credit Authorization form (green card) was changed from “undergraduates” to “baccalaureate.” The language change could cause a hardship for branch campus students who have earned baccalaureate degrees but then enroll at the associate degree level because it is the only option available to them a branch, effectively excluding them from taking graduate level courses. This situation is especially problematic for COE students who are working toward teacher certification, as some of the courses required by the state board are graduate courses. Mary Walker moved to go back to the original language of “undergraduates.” Anne Calhoon seconded the motion, which was approved by the Committee.

Chair Jacob asked the Committee to review the proposed changes to the “Applied Credit” section of the Catalog. He noted confusion exists about when a course grade of B- can or is not counted toward degree requirements. Part of the confusion come from how various people interpret the term “applied.” The policy clarifies that the term applied credit identifies courses taken at UNM, but outside of graduate status (non-degree, undergraduate, etc.) Under this definition course work would have to be graded B or better to be included as partially fulfilling degree requirements. However, courses taken in graduate status and graded B-, C+ or C would be allowed to count toward degree requirements.

Dean Wohlert thought the policy needed additional work and asked the Committee to table any action on it until she could provide new language.

Reports:

GPSA:

Joseph Garcia reported that as the incoming GPSA president he has been on a steep learning curve and has faced many challenges. He will represent the GPSA on the SGC for the remainder of the academic year.

OGS:

Dean Wohlert had no report.

SGC:

Mariana Ibáñez provided an update on the posthumous degree issue she raised at the October 5th meeting. The COE will approach the Faculty Senate requesting they rescind approval of the posthumous degree approved for a COE doctoral student on September . The request for awarding a posthumous degree will be brought to the SGC once the COE faculty has taken action.

The FS policy was approved in 1990, but does not distinguish between undergraduate and graduate students. The Catalog subcommittee will review the policy and prepare a statement asking that the process be amended to include a review by the SGC, as has been the practice for several years.

Chair Jacob acknowledged that Sam Truett recently won the 2006 Western History Bolton-Kinnaird award for the best article on Spanish borderlands history. The Committee recognized the honor with a round of applause.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20.