

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Graduate Council Minutes

September 29, 2016 PRECIS

Friesen Black Cultural Center, Multipurpose Room

Reports of Note:

Academic Policy Committee: 3 areas were discussed -- all were of current practices that were either unclear / or not meeting accreditation guidelines . As stated below all 3 went back to the committee after discussion by GC at large to be voted upon in Nov GC.

Graduate Grader Policy: Clear guidelines from SACS

1. Faculty teaching graduate and post-baccalaureate course work must have the earned doctorate or terminal degree in the teaching discipline or a related discipline. Graduate students should not be grading other graduate student work. Peer review as an educational experience is permissible. Faculty must be the instructor of record and award any grade (assignment, test, final, etc.). Advanced graduate student may be engaged in assisting faculty provided they are under the direct supervision by a faculty member experienced in the teaching discipline, receive regular in-service training, and undergo planned and periodic evaluations. See SACS COC policy. No change was made, referred back to committee
2. Retaking a course previously taken (and passed) in order to achieve a higher grade: to be reviewed by committee before next GC meeting.
3. The definition of Graduate Certificates and how they are earned : also went back to committee.

Graduate Appeals Committee Report

Received 4 requests : for one case the appeal was advanced ; 3 denied.

Graduate Catalog very clear on grounds for Appeals.

Credentials Committee Report.

Thirty two applications were submitted; Two were returned to the department with a request for additional required information. Five were found to be “automatically approved” as a result of promotion and/or tenure.

The Council approved unanimously the recommendations on faculty approval to direct dissertations

- FYI: A Credentialing Application is now available on the Credentials webpage to facilitate the submission process. A CV template is also provided for ease of departments

Curriculum Committee:

Haslam College of Business and College of Nursing had minor course and program changes.

New: The Bredesen Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Education requesting to add a new major and degree –Data Science and Engineering, PhD. Came as seconded motion from committee and approved by GC

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Dean Thompson suggested that all attending be sure to check out the Graduate School website for information on funding opportunity for *Student/Faculty Research Awards program*. Next Deadline January 17th.