

GRADUATE AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Friday, February 1, 2008

1:00 p.m. – Peters Hall Conference Room A041

PRESENT: Mary Atwell, Liz Altieri for Debora Bays, Matthew Brunner, Jolae Brocato, Gerald Gordon, Bob Hiltonsmith, Pam Jackson, Janet McDaniel, Stephen Owen, Clarence Rose, Fran Steigerwald, Robert Trent, Erin Webster-Garrett, James Werth. Guest: Kathy LaSala

1. MINUTES

Minutes from the January 18, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

2. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Graduate Faculty – One graduate faculty application not requiring Graduate Affairs Council review was reported as attached. Two applications requiring subcommittee review were presented and recommended for approval. The applications were approved as presented.

A spreadsheet of graduate faculty applications expiring the end of Spring 2008 was distributed. Members were asked to share this information within their department/program and request that faculty listed submit renewal applications and/or provide information about faculty no longer teaching or retired to Sandra Steele in the graduate college.

Academic Course and Program Review – The Academic Course and Program Review subcommittee met on Friday, January 25, 2008. Minutes to include recommendations and necessary follow-up from that meeting were distributed and are maintained on file in the graduate college. A motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus to approve the minutes as presented with two typographical changes. An annual report of Academic Course and Program Review for 2007-2008 is maintained and updated on the graduate college website at <http://www.radford.edu/gradcollege/faculty/index.html>.

Graduate Student Council (GSC) – GSC President, Kathryn Douglas was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Atwell presented an email report from Ms. Douglas. During February the GSC will provide refreshments at the homecoming games on the 2nd and a pool tournament on the 17th. Participation in other sporting events in March is planned. The deadline for GSC newsletter items is February 10 with anticipated publication February 20.

3. DISCUSSION

Doctorate of Nursing Practitioner – Dr. Atwell introduced a *Doctorate of Nursing Practice Proposal* emailed to Council to review prior to the meeting. Kathy LaSala and Janet McDaniel presented an overview of the proposal. Beginning implementation of the program is targeted for 2010 with a conversion of the current Master's program at that time. There is concern that the Master's program might not continue due to increased

interest in other doctorate of nursing practice programs. Discussion followed. A motion was made to submit the *Doctorate of Nursing Practice Proposal* with a recommendation for the School of Nursing to continue development of the proposal to Faculty Senate for consideration. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Probation Suspension/Review of Policies– At the last meeting Dr. Atwell asked Council members to review the current Probation/Suspension policy and departmental probation and suspension policies in the graduate catalog in an effort to reduce ambiguity. A recommendation was made to establish a task force to begin working on these to report at the next Graduate Affairs Council meeting. Mary Atwell, James Werth, Matthew Brunner and Liz Altieri volunteered to serve on the task force.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2008-2009 Graduate Catalog – Draft catalog sections for 2008-2009 were emailed today to department chairs and program coordinators. Revisions should be submitted to Sandra Steele in the graduate college or via email by Friday, February 15. Particular attention should be given to the graduate faculty section in the back of the catalog to provide information about status changes or faculty no longer with the university.

Revenue Sharing Funds – Individual college deans were notified of revenue sharing funds today.

Future Agenda Items – As a result of the nursing practitioner discussions Dr. Atwell suggested that if there is further interest in general discussions about graduate education via online, hybrid, etc., recruiting or other topics to let her know for future agenda items.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m.

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**Recommendations from Graduate Faculty Sub-Committee
Graduate Affairs Council Meeting
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Graduate Faculty Status		
Adjunct Graduate Faculty Status		
Wendy Byers	STEL – Special Education	Limited to EDSP 651.
Graduate Faculty Associate		

**Graduate Faculty Applications Not Requiring Sub-Committee Review
(Approved Since Last Graduate Affairs Council Meeting)**

Graduate Faculty Status		
Cheri Triplett	STEL – Reading (<i>pending Provost signature</i>)	
Adjunct Graduate Faculty Status		
Scott Kizner	STEL – Educational Leadership (<i>pending Provost signature</i>)	
Graduate Faculty Associate		