

## GRADUATE AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Friday, April 1, 2016

1:00 p.m. – Bonnie Combo Room

**PRESENT:** Dennis Grady (*presiding*), Laura Jacobsen (*ex officio*), Roann Barris, Brad Bizzell, John Brummette, Matthew Brunner, Kathleen Cox for Virginia Burggraf, Susan Schoppelrey for Rana Duncan-Daston, Lori Elis, Pam Jackson, Kristen Jagger, Alison Armstrong for Kay Johnson, Kristin Machac, Doug Mitchell, Brenda Tyler, Patricia Winter, Paul Witkowsky

**Staff:** Patricia Phillips (*recorder*), Phil Hardy

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. by Dr. Dennis Grady.

### 2. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2015 and March 4, 2016. The minutes were approved by consensus.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dean Grady announced that there is a shortfall of incoming freshman of approximately 150 students. There was also a cap of 3% put on tuition increases.
- Dr. Grady stated that three new certificates have been approved: Gerontology Certificate, Professional Writing Certificate, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate.
- An article from the Chronicle of Higher Education was sent out regarding “Stackable” Degrees. Dean Grady wanted to start the discussion on this idea at Radford University. It was asked that a task force be created to handle the logistics of this idea: Dr. Laura Jacobsen, Rebecca Conner, and Matthew Brunner.
- Dean Grady reminded everyone of the Graduate Hooding Ceremony to be held on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Dedmon Center. He also announced that information on outstanding graduate student recognition at commencement needs to be received in the Graduate College by April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Laura Jacobsen announced that there is a new vendor for graduate recruitment and marketing, which will be Access, located in Roanoke.
- Dr. Jacobsen stated that the searches for the Coordinator of Graduate Recruitment, Assistant Provost for Academic Operations and Director of Career Services are moving into the final stages.

- Dr. Jacobsen discussed the possibility of additional tuition funding for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic year. The 2016-2017 funding would be used to increase GTA tuition awards from five to nine in-state credits per semester and to convert five GA positions to GRF positions with 5 in-state credits per semester. We will discuss allocation of 2017-2018 funds at a later date.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- Dr. Laura Jacobsen presented the proposal for the Doctor of Education degree. This proposal will be voted upon at the next GAC meeting on April 29, 2016.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- None

#### **6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Graduate Faculty** – A report of 2 graduate faculty applications were processed since the last GAC meeting on March 4, 2016. The report was accepted as presented. (See attached).

**Academic Course and Program Review** –The minutes from the March 25, 2016 subcommittee meeting was presented by Dr. Laura Jacobsen. The Minutes were approved as presented. The new program proposal for the Doctor of Education was introduced as New Business and will be voted upon at the next GAC meeting on April 29, 2016.

#### **7. ADJOURN**

Dr. Grady adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

**April 1, 2016**

**Graduate Faculty Application Status**

(Approved Since Last Graduate Affairs Council Meeting)

**Full Graduate Faculty Status - 5 year term**

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Dept</b> | <b>Limitation(s)</b> |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Timothy Channell | MUSC        |                      |
| Robert Trent     | MUSC        |                      |

**Associate Graduate Faculty Status - 3 year term**

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Dept</b> | <b>Limitation(s)</b> |
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**MINUTES**  
**ACADEMIC COURSE AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**Friday, March 25, 2016**  
**1:00 p.m. – Buchanan House 102**

**Present:** Laura Jacobsen (presiding), Brad Bizzell, Matthew Brunner, Art Carter, Lori Elis, Kay Johnson, Kristen Machac, Douglas Mitchell  
**Staff:** Patricia Phillips (recorder)

**I. EDEL**

**A. New Course Proposal**

1. EDEL 01-16-030316 EDEL 620 “Educational Research for School Leaders” **Approved**

**B. Revision of Existing Degree/Certificate Program**

1. EDEL 02-16-030316 **Approved**

**II. Ed.D.**

**A. New Program Proposal**

1. EdD 01-16-030316 Doctor of Education **Approved**

**III. ENGL**

**A. Course Description/Title Change**

1. ENGL 07-16-030316 ENGL 631 **Approved**
2. ENGL 08-16-030316 ENGL 633 **Approved**

**B. New Course Proposal**

1. ENGL 09-16-030316 ENGL 681 “Special Topics in Contemporary Theory” **Tabled until the April 15<sup>th</sup> ACPR meeting – need more information**

**C. Revision of Existing Degree/Certificate Program**

1. ENGL 10-16-031616 **Tabled until the April 15<sup>th</sup> ACPR meeting - need more information**

**IV. MATH**

**A. Course Description/Title/Syllabus Change**

1. MATH 01-16-030316 MATH 630 "Algebra and Functions"  
**Approved**

**B. Course Prerequisite/Description/Syllabus Change**

1. MATH 02-16-030316 MATH 635 "Euclidian and Non-Euclidean Geometry" **Approved**

**V. SOWK**

**A. Course Prerequisite Change**

1. SOWK 01-16-031816 SOWK 632, 642, 761, 784, 785, 791, 792  
**Approved**

**VI. STAT**

**A. Course Description/Title/Syllabus Change**

1. STAT 01-16-030316 STAT 644 "Applied Statistics" **Approved**