

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 26, 2015**  
**3:30 pm, DePaolo Hall Conference Room**

**Council members attending: Drs. Almeida, Barth, Cetin, Feng, Harris, Kinsey, Kuiper, Moallem, Pilgrim, Sweeney and Wray. Also attending: Bill Kerler, Tom Porter, Martha Andrews, Clay Moffett, Cynthia Nickerson, David Childers, Wanda Underwood and Nancy Holland. Dean Vetter presided.**

**I. Approval of minutes of January, 2015 minutes, approved**

**II. Announcements**

**Graduate Faculty Update: The following faculty have been approved since the last Graduate Council meeting.**

**College of Arts & Sciences**

**Department of Sociology & Criminology – Carrie Buist, five year appointment**

**College of Health & Human Services**

**School of Health and Applied Human Sciences – Andrew Zeldin, special one year appointment**

**III. Old Business**

- **Council continued the policy change discussion on the number of C grades a graduate student may receive and continue in their program of study (including those received when taking an undergraduate course). In the previous meeting, the council approved a change to allow a C grade in an undergraduate course, but to have it count towards the current overall three C grade maximum.**

**Dean Vetter asked whether a maintaining a simple overall 3.0 GPA might be a sufficient measure instead and he also highlighted the impact the C grade policy has on international students as oftentimes grades are equated to C's when transferring grades from international institutions (esp. as it relates to the IMBA program).**

**After considerable discussion, council voted to maintain the 3 C grades policy (which now includes all undergraduate C grades) and to allow the international transfer of C grades into a program as approved by the program and graduate school with proper documentation. Council also voted to update the transfer credit policy to allow the international transfer of C grades.**

- **Council continued discussion of the Grade Appeal Process. After considerable discussion, council approved an addition to be included in the policy that states: “Students will not be allowed to enroll in courses while appealing a grade that would result in dismissal from the graduate school, however the Dean may allow continued enrollment in unusual circumstances.**

**IV. New Business**

- **Dean Vetter presented a report from the Graduate Faculty Committee who has been asked to review all graduate faculty criteria. Several discrepancies were noted in the report. The committee will be asked to update the report and it will be distributed electronically. Council will discuss the report at the March meeting.**
- **Several programs have asked that the following policy statement be reviewed for possible changes: “Up to six credit hours of S/U may be applied to any degree program.” (Programs want to allow more hours; with the addition of thesis hours this would preclude any additional S/U courses).**

**The item was tabled for the March meeting while the graduate school collects information on the number internships, capstone projects, directed independent studies, and thesis courses currently being taken by**

**students. Also, a review of other UNC institution policies will be conducted and presented at the next meeting.**

- **Dean Vetter opened the topic of Predatory Publishing Discussion (see handout) – it was determined that the topic should be sent to the Faculty Senate Research Committee for discussion.**
- **Topic: discuss the acceptable number of 591 DIS and 592/595 Special Topics Courses that a student may apply to a degree; postponed until March meeting.**

**V. Other**

**VI. Adjournment, 4:50 pm**