

MINUTES
Graduate Studies Committee
March 7, 2012

Present: Dean Fayne; Professors Brown, DeSimone, Lebbon, Smith Gabig; Ms. Worth, Director of Graduate Studies; and Guest: Prof. Campbell

- Prof. DeSimone called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.
- The committee approved the minutes from the meeting of February 1, 2012.
- The committee discussed the C- grade option in graduate classes, which has been controversial among faculty regarding its validity. Specifically, the committee asked Ms. Worth to reach out to graduate instructors, specifically to seek feedback on the C- option and whether or not instructors feel as if it should be used in graduate-level courses.
- The committee also discussed the probation policy, on which Ms. Worth had already collected feedback from graduate instructors and program coordinators. While many graduate faculty members seemed to state that the policy was appropriate, the committee discussed some “grey areas” that could be clarified more in writing, without altering the structure or content of the existing policy. Ms. Worth will submit another draft to the committee, as well as to graduate faculty, for a review.
- In the absence of a quorum, the committee agreed to send the following proposals to the Senate for approval (pending suggested revisions):

Department of Health Sciences

- Changes to MEd Program/Health Teacher – adding NYS Initial certification
- Course changes: HEA 671, 672, 673

Department of Counseling, Leadership, Literacy and Special Education

- New Advanced Certificate Programs in Special Education

Department of Earth, Environmental and Geospatial Sciences

- New courses: GEO 509; GEO 510; GEO 599; GEO 645
- Course changes: GEO 501; GEO 502; GEP 501

Department of Nursing

- Change in degree and admission requirements – MS Program/Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- Change in certificate requirements – Advanced Certificate Program/Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Office of Graduate Studies

- New policy: “Satisfactory Progress Grade” option, which many graduate faculty members have suggested and requested
- Updates of the following policies: “Unsatisfactory Academic Progress” and “Registration in Undergraduate Courses”

- The committee also approved the following informational items:
Department of Music
 - Experimental courses: MST 714 and MSP 790

- The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet R. DeSimone, Chair