

Graduate Academic Policies Committee
March 13, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Kathy Engisch, David Hall, Suzanne Franco, John Gallagher
Bill Rickert, Barry Milligan, Amanda Steele-Middleton

- I. Minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting were approved.
- II. Policy 2160 – Graduate Faculty Membership follow-up discussion

The following topics were discussed in relation to the GAPC-approved draft of policy 2160:

- Phase-in to develop scholarship currency.
 - Will be covered under policy. Graduate School will work with individual departments as needed.
- Equivalencies for mix of terminal degree and scholarship
 - Terminal degree in field
 - Scholarship in field
 - Experience teaching graduate students
- How to get experience teaching graduate students?
 - Temporary Status category
- Concerns regarding 5-year period
 - If loss of currency, change to Associate status
 - Some in the College of Business satisfy this by being journal editors

- III. Policy 3404 – Advisor Pre-approval

The committee reviewed a draft of proposed changes to policy 3404 – Advisor Preapproval from the Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee. After discussions, the committee made the following changes and agreed to send the policy back to UAPC for further review. Additionally the committee is going to investigate whether the “16 hours of graduate credit” referenced in the policy should be adjusted.

- Added a new bullet for 4+1 programs
- For granting of exceptions, the approver was changed from “dean” to “advisor of record”. GAPC wasn’t sure if this was appropriate for all undergraduate students and thought UAPC should review.
- Regarding numbering of policies that impact both graduate and undergraduate students. The committee discussed different solutions and will continue to do so at future meetings. At this time they recommend moving the policy forward once complete, and to separately work out a general solution to policies that apply to more than one policy series.

IV. Policies 5270 and 5440

GAPC also approved additions to policies 5270 and 5440 stating that “Some students are subject to mandatory advising per policy 3404.”

V. Policy 5120 – Graduate Assistants

The committee briefly discussed the following issues pertaining to policy 5120:

- Minimum credit hours for GRA/GTA (at least 6, or enrolled in final courses)
- Two overlapping concerns
 - Affordable Care Act change
 - Tuition remission tax issue

VI. Adjourn – the next meeting will be scheduled via email