UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

*For the 2016-2017 Graduate Council Annual Report and
the 2017-2018 Graduate Catalog*

Members	Liaisons
Bahner, Ingrid (added 10/20/16)	Ruth Bahr, OGS
Churchill, Greg (Grad Student Rep) (added 10/24/16)	Carol Hines-Cobb, OGS
Cohen, Donna	Joe Butts, OGS
Guldiken, Rasim (added 10/20/16)	
Malone, Tina Abs	
Permuth, Steve	
Robison, John, Policy/Fellowship Chair Ex Abs	
Wecker, Lynn Ex Abs	
Wheeler, Pat (added 10/20/16)	

POLICY/FELLOWSHIP NOVEMBER REPORT

1. The Committee introduced themselves. Dr. Permuth agreed to serve as Chair for the meeting.
2. There was no public comment on agenda items
3. *Reminder of Research Assignments*

   AAU Institutions:
   Rutgers University – Pat Wheeler
   SUNY Univ of Buffalo – Lynn Wecker
   SUNY Stony Brook – Rasim Guldiken
   Univ of Cal, Irvine – Donna Cohen
   University of Florida – Steve Permuth

   Peer Institutions:
   University of Central Florida - TBA
   NC State University – Greg Churchill
   Florida State University – Ingrid Bahner
   University of Cincinnati - TBA
   University of Pittsburgh – John Robison

4. Items reviewed:

   a. Fellowships
      Dr. Bahr discussed issues with fellowships and need for updating the information and clarifying the requirements. Dr. Permuth suggested that College/Program recruitment plans be provided to OGS. Discussed issues of part-time versus full-time, specific requirements for the fellowships.

   b. Accelerated Degree Programs
      Modified language. Recommend sending to UGC for revision/approval.

   c. *Data request: Dr. Permuth requested a list of the Statewide Institutions, including the Graduate Deans contact information and the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council equivalent contact information, and the Faculty Union leaders*. Discussed setting up a Grad Council List-serve for SUS institution Graduate Councils to share information for policies and current issues. OGS will email the SUS institutions for Graduate School contacts and for an invitation to join the list-serve, which OGS will set-up. Dr. Permuth will check through UFF for appropriate contacts. Dr. Bahner will work on getting all of the Faculty Senate Presidents for the Florida SUS Institutions.

5. For review at a future meeting:
   Admission Deadlines / International Admission Deadlines
   Institutional Residency

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FELLOWSHIPS

The Delores Auzenne Fellowship provides academically talented domestic students who contribute diversity in USF graduate programs with opportunities for funding and recognition. This includes individuals who have been historically underrepresented in specific disciplines along the dimensions of ethnicity and gender.

Application/Nomination Process: Direct from the applicant, but an academic department may also nominate a student.

Selection Process: A campus-wide faculty committee will rank the candidates and make recommendations.

Award Specifics:

Stipend: Master's Students receive $8,000 per year for up to two (2) years; Doctoral students receive $12,000 per year for up to three (3) years.

Tuition Each award comes with a tuition waiver.

Graduate Student Success Fellowship

Application/ Nomination Process: Direct from the applicant.

Selection Process: A campus-wide faculty committee will rank the candidates and make recommendations.

Award Specifics:

Stipend: Master's students receive $8,000/year for up to two (2) years.
Doctoral students received $12,000/year for up to three (3) years.
Awards will be pro-rated for part-time enrollment in a given semester

Tuition: This award carries a tuition waiver.

Eligibility:

- Requires filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Preferably no later than January 2nd.
- Requires U.S citizenship.
- Requires application to a USF graduate ~~program~~major (master's, specialist, or doctorate degree). Note that you don't have to be admitted into a program to apply. ~~However an award is contingent on admission to a USF program in the summer or fall semester.~~
- Students may be enrolled full-time or part-time, although students are encouraged to be full-time
- Applicants should be academically talented domestic students ~~who contribute diversity in USF graduate programs. This includes Individuals~~ who are from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds, including first-generation applicants. ~~have been historically underrepresented in specific disciplines along the dimensions of ethnicity and gender.~~
- ~~Particular consideration is given to academically talented, newly enrolled, first-generation, multi-lingual students (particularly English & Spanish speaking), who demonstrate financial need and have overcome considerable obstacles and financial hardships in the pursuit of their post-secondary educational goals.~~
- Individuals that have come from programs such as the Ronald E. McNair, FGLSAMP, and FAMU Feeder programs are encouraged to apply.
- In fields where males are underrepresented (e.g.~~i.e.~~ Nursing and Special Education), consideration will be given to male applicants.
- Both newly admitted and continuing students who are in the first year of study are eligible to apply. Program of study may be required.
- Please note that students applying to or enrolled in USF's M.D. and Physical Therapy programs are not eligible for consideration for this fellowship.

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Accelerated Programs ~~Guidelines~~

POLICY:

Accelerated Program ~~Information for Students:~~

Accelerated Programs allow ~~academically~~ highly qualified undergraduate students to complete ~~an undergraduate~~ a Bachelor's degree and a ~~graduate degree (typically~~ master's degree~~)~~ in a select few majors on an accelerated timeline. These programs commonly offer a shorter duration to completion of both degrees~~, graduating sooner than in traditional programs~~. ~~Typically,~~ ~~S~~students ~~will~~ complete a portion of the required graduate coursework while classified as an undergraduate student and have it count towards both degrees. As soon as the student completes the undergraduate degree requirements, the student is converted to graduate student status, where the remaining graduate requirements are fulfilled. Students interested in pursuing an Accelerated Program must complete an Accelerated Program Application (http://www.grad.usf.edu/inc/linked-files/Accelerated_Program_Application.pdf).

~~Editor's~~ *Note: Although students may be in an Accelerated Program, pursuing a Bachelor's and Master's Degree at the same time, they cannot be in two levels at once.*

Accelerated Programs:

- ~~R~~~~May~~ ~~equire~~ that degrees are conferred ~~simultaneously or~~ sequentially~~, with preference to conferral of the bachelor's degree as soon as possible upon completion of the undergraduate requirements (refer to the specific Accelerated Program for details)~~

- Have an approved Program of Study, including a plan for academic advising and notation for financial aid impact

- May share up to twelve (12) hours of structured graduate credit between the graduate and undergraduate degree. Refer to the specific program for total hours approved to be shared.

- Require approval from the Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, and SACSCOC. It is preferred that the total combined credits be at least 150 credits (120 bachelor's and 30 master's) after the shared coursework is counted. Programs with less than 150 total combined credits may be considered for approval but require submission to SACSCOC as a Substantive Change to the Major.

- Require a 3.33 GPA overall and a 3.50 GPA in the undergraduate Major

- Require that the admission requirements for the graduate major be noted in the ~~specific~~ Accelerated Program requirements.

- Require a minimum of 15 hours in the undergraduate major to be completed before a student may apply for consideration for the Accelerated Program

- Require a "B" (3.00) in each graduate course taken as part of the shared credits applied to both undergraduate and graduate majors. Consequences for not obtaining a "B" will be noted in the specific Accelerated Program requirements

APPLICATION AND PROGRESSION

Application - Students may be considered for an Accelerated Program f~~F~~ollowing completion of a minimum of 15 hours in the undergraduate major and submission of an Accelerated Program Application.~~,~~ the student may be considered for acceptance into the Accelerated Degree program through faculty nomination or student self-nomination via submission of the ***Accelerated Program Application Form.*** Programs will review and approve the application.

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Progression - Programs will verify graduate admission eligibility and submit the required paperwork (*Accelerated Graduate Program Progression Form*) to officially convert the student to graduate standing, no later than when the student has reached 90 hours or Bachelor's degree has been conferred. The application requires approval from the Graduate Program, College, and Office of Graduate Studies.

Programs who desire to offer Accelerated Degree Programs must establish guidelines that define the following. The guidelines must then be submitted and approved by the Policy Committee of the Graduate Council. These guidelines are used in the development of a new Accelerated Program.

For Departments Developing an Accelerated Program:

Proposed Programs must meet the *Accelerated Program Requirements*, as well as follow the best practices listed below:

➢ Programs have a choice of conferring degrees simultaneously or sequentially, but it is recommended that undergraduate degrees are to be conferred in a timely manner as soon as undergraduate requirements are fulfilled.

➢ Programs must complete a Program of Study, develop a plan for academic advising, and tracking of students, including notation of potential financial aid impact.

➢ Typically, up to twelve (12) hours of graduate credit may be shared between the graduate and undergraduate degree. Although, with Graduate Council and Office of Graduate Studies approval, programs may offer accelerated programs with more shared credits.*

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➢ Typically, a minimum undergraduate GPA of at least 3.33 overall and a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the major, having taken a minimum of 15 hours in the undergraduate major are required for students to be admitted to an accelerated program. With Graduate Council and Office of Graduate Studies approval, programs may offer accelerated programs with different GPA requirements. Students must have a minimum of a "B" (3.00) in each graduate course. Consequences for not obtaining a "B" in each graduate course must be noted in the Departmental Accelerated Program requirements.

➢ Following completion of a minimum of 15 hours in the undergraduate major, the student may be considered for acceptance into the Accelerated Degree program in one of two ways: faculty nomination or student self-nomination, via submission of the *Accelerated Graduate Program Nomination Form.* Programs will review the applications and approve the nomination.

➢ Programs will submit the required paperwork (*Accelerated Graduate Program Admission Form*) to officially convert the student to graduate standing, no later than when the student has reached 90 hours or Bachelor's degree has been conferred. The application requires approval from the Graduate Program, College, and Office of Graduate Studies.

What Departments will submit for Curriculum Approval and catalog copy:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION (Catalog Copy):

Accelerated Program Requirements

Accelerated Programs allow academically qualified students to complete an undergraduate Bachelor's degree and a graduate master's degree on an accelerated timeline, graduating sooner than in traditional programs.

Admission Requirements

Admission into an Accelerated Program is accomplished in one of two ways:

o Faculty Nomination

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o   Student Self-Application

To be eligible for consideration for an Accelerated Program, students must:

- Have completed a minimum of 15 undergraduate hours in the major
- Have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.33 overall
- Have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.50 in the major

Accelerated Degree Program Academic Requirements

Each Program will indicate the specific academic requirements, including the up to 12 hours of shared coursework between the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Undergraduate Degree Requirements - *specify*

Shared Requirements -*specify*

Graduate Degree Requirements -*specify*

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