

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

Members	Members	Liaisons
Bahner, Ingrid Ex Ab	Shaw, Lindsey	Ruth Bahr, OGS
Churchill, Greg (Grad Student Rep) Ex Ab	Wecker, Lynn	Carol Hines-Cobb, OGS
Cohen, Donna	Wheeler, Pat	Joe Butts, OGS
Guldiken, Rasim	Wilson, Cheryl	Mike Wrona, ODS
Permuth, Steve Ex Ab	Xue, Bin Ex Abs	
Robison, John, Policy/Fellowship Chair		

POLICY/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Dr. Robison had introductions
2. There was no Public comment on agenda items
3. The following items were discussed:
 - a) **Provost’s Curriculum Updates and formation of Curriculum Study Group** – Carol Hines-Cobb gave a brief update on the Provost’s curriculum expectations. A Curriculum Study Groups is in development to review the issues, including how to have the Colleges ensure that proposals are ready to go before moving forward. Anyone interested in assisting can confirm at the Jan. 23 meeting of full Council.
 - b) **Presidential Fellowship review process** – Dr. Bahr confirmed the process and timelines for review. Members will receive the Applications soon with a requested response date of Jan. 31, for discussion at the February meeting. Criteria needs revision regarding the need for admission.
 - c) **Major Professor** – update on policy revision (no longer needed). Dr. Bahr updated the Council on feedback from Associate Deans who confirmed that the issue that resulted in this discussion is a non-issue and the policy is fine as written.
 - d) **Graduation fee** – Education still having resolution problems for the FELE issue. Discuss if graduation fee should be implemented to accommodate students in these situations. TABLED
 - e) **Accelerated programs with the Honors College** – discussed request for Accelerated Program option with Honors College using Honors College Curriculum (replacing special projects with Global Sustainability courses) and the need to update the policy if the consensus is to approve the request. Current policy specifies Accelerated Programs are between an undergraduate major and a graduate major. Mike Wrona confirmed that even if Council revises policy to allow Honors College to do this, the curriculum is part of an undergraduate major, thus needing approval for each major that will participate. In addition, those majors that result in less than 150 hours would also require SACSCOC approval. Council members will research for discussion at the February meeting. TABLED
 - f) **Bachelors to Doctorate and awarding the Master’s on the way** (students are taking dissertation hours and then need thesis hours to get their Master’s) – discuss if policy needs clarification. TABLED

- g) **Formalize policies for Curriculum:** Carol Hines-Cobb briefly touched on the need to update these policies in the near future, pending additional information from the Provost's Office.

1) Common core for majors under same CIP; 2) Concentrations (discussion for setting limit within a major and the common core courses for the major); 3) Graduate Certificates (limiting hours to 12-15)

4. For review at a future meeting:

Admission Deadlines / International Admission Deadlines – Tabled – pending information from Admissions and USF World. Draft proposal to be submitted to Council at a future meeting.

Institutional Residency – Students newly admitted to the University cannot be admitted and graduate in the same semester. Likewise, students changing programs cannot graduate in the same semester that the change of program begins. Need to revise/clarify policy.

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 Permath

Peer Institutions:

University of Central Florida – Lindsey Shaw
NC State University – Greg Churchill
Florida State University – Ingrid Bahner
University of Cincinnati – Cheryl Wilson
University of Pittsburgh

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.