

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

Members	Members	Liaisons
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Permeth, Steve	Xue, Bin Ex Abs	
Robison, John, Policy/Fellowship Chair		

**POLICY/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA**

1. Introductions, There was no Public comment on agenda items
2. Items for Discussion – some may be tabled for February, time-pending:
  - a) **Presidential Fellowship review** – Confirmed assessment and selection of the top seven candidates, with five alternates. Dr. Bahr thanked everyone for their prompt and thorough review.
  - b) **Graduation fee** – The issue behind this agenda item relates to the FELE exam, required in COED. Students must pass the exam to meet requirements for the Major. If taken as part of a course, the course is given an incomplete and when the exam is passed, the course updates and the student can graduate as of the semester of the course, even though the exam was taken later. The enrollment policy requires 2 graduate hours be taken in the semester of graduation and Education is asking for an exception to this policy, which is not a viable solution. The request to consider a Graduation fee for these students is also not viable at this time. The Governor has confirmed no tuition increases or added fees may be approved. As this would be a new fee, it would require BOT approval and fall under this purview, so that is not possible. **The solution presented is to have the course the exam is tied to converted into a variable hour course. The student would take 1 hour in the initial semester and then the remaining two hours in the semester the exam is passed, which satisfies the continuous enrollment policy.**
  - c) **Admission Deadlines** – discussed draft proposals. Concern for February 15 being early for the summer deadline. Agreement for the rest of the proposal. Committee members will research other institutions and discuss further in March with an intent to approve a revised policy in time for the next Catalog. TABLED
  - d) **Accelerated programs with the Honors College** – current policy allows for Accelerated Programs between undergraduate and graduate majors – not a blanket option with a college. Continued discussions for if policy should be updated to allow for generic/college offerings. Based on Mike Wrona’s information at the last meeting, members agreed that although language could be added to the policy to allow for an Honors College offering, it would still need to be tied to each specific undergraduate major. Tabled for possible revision to policy to add language.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

3. For review at a future meeting:

**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

**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.

**Formalize policies for Curriculum:** 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)

**GPA Requirements for Graduation** – discuss policy - request to consider a major that is 100% S/U with no GPA. Current policy requires a 3.00 to graduate.

*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