

GAAC Minutes
 Friday, January 22, 2016 8:30 -10:00am
 Verhaegen Hall, Room 219

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Sanjay Jayaram	Leslie Hinyard

I. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of December 11, 2015 were approved unanimously

II. **Old Business**

A. **Global Outcomes (Thatcher)** – Kathleen Thatcher was not present to discuss this. It has been tabled for the next meeting.

B. **Academic Definitions (Haugen)** –The most recent document that was dispersed to the committee was from October; this will be revised for the next meeting. The biggest priority from the last discussion was to simplify the specific wording to define the different degrees. There will be a lot of feedback used from the Global Outcomes document for the Academic Definitions; these documents will be complimentary to each other so as not to have a conflict of information.

C. **Policy change on outside work for Graduate Assistants (GA) (Tomazic)** – This is still being worked on by Graduate Education. Dr. Tomazic is trying to locate the reference in the Graduate Catalog where this should be added.

D. **Graduate Student Annual Review Survey (Tomazic)** – The survey on the annual review process for established (not first year) graduate students will be going out via email next week. This is just to elicit feedback from students about the review process and if they feel it is effective. These annual reviews are also to help create a paper record for the Department and the student to show the progress of the student. A summary report will go to the Deans and Graduate Education.

III. **New Business**

A. **GA Limit of 5 years (Tomazic)** – Feedback was requested by the committee on language presented by Graduate Education to change to the Graduate Catalog in response to the request made by Arts & Sciences (English) to specify that students who petition from master’s to doctoral programs can appeal to the Associate Dean in their college to get an additional five years of funding for an assistantship. There was concern that there was no flexibility with the requirement to appeal the Associate Dean. The Department of English would like to promise the extra funding to their Master’s students upon their petition into the PhD program. The language

will be presented to the English Department and the College of Arts & Sciences to see if it will fit their need and it will be discussed in the next meeting.

B. **PhD in Health Outcomes Research (Hinyard)** – Leslie Hinyard presented a correction to a program that was already approved but was originally submitted on the incorrect form. The program was submitted on a dual degree form because they only wanted it to be a dual program between SLUCOR and the Medical School (MD/PhD). However, in order to have a dual degree program, a freestanding degree program must exist. So they are now re-proposing the program on its own, with the admissions requirement that they are also enrolled in the Medical School. There was some concern that this would conflict with the Health Services Research concentration to the Public Health PhD. It was decided that there needed to be letters attached to this proposal from Public Health to ensure that this will not compete with any of their existing programs. SLUCOR will provide the letters to the committee via email and there will be a vote at that time. **In a vote via email, GAAC voted 15-0-1 to recommend this proposal. This will be sent to CADD for the March meeting.**

C. **FYI, Entrepreneurship Law concentration (Miceli)** – Toni Miceli informed the committee of this new concentration in the School of Law. This is growing out of a new clinical opportunity for students who wish to represent small entrepreneurs instead of big corporations, for which the Business Transactions concentration was created.

D. **Discontinuation of the MS in BSDP (Scharff)** – No-one was present to discuss this.

IV. Announcements

A. Next meeting: February 19

Take-Away Points:

- An email will go out from SLUCOR with the necessary letters for the PhD in Health Outcomes Research. Committee members will be asked to vote on this via email.
- Feedback is requested on the language for the Graduate Catalog allowing departments to offer more than 5 years of funding for GA.
- An updated version of the Academic Definitions document will go out to be discussed at the next meeting. Please think of any items you would like addressed on this.
- Graduate Student Annual Review survey is going out to students for feedback on the review process.