

Graduate Council
Minutes of January 18, 2022

Dr. Boyd called the meeting to order. In attendance were: Carolyn Stufft, Paula Englis, Basil Englis, Michelle Haney, Lawrence Baines, Bryce Durbin, Joyce Heames, Alan Hughes, Nancy Mercer, Monica Willingham, Naomi Lee (MBA student).

Minutes from November 16, 2021 were *approved*.

New Business

Proposal to change graduate course repeat policy

- Proposal to update the Graduate repeat policy to be more aligned with the undergraduate policy.

Discussion: Council members discussed whether there was a desire to allow only one course to be repeated. Dr. Haney asked if the language about repeating topics courses should be retained in the policy.

Dr. Boyd made suggestions about revising the policy text for clarity and commented that this would apply to all courses graded on an S/U grading scale as well.

Dr. Durbin spoke about the need to clarify the language in the Academic Probation & Suspension section relating to the section on repeating (next to last paragraph). Dean Hughes asked about the section of the Academic Probation and Suspension section relating to 3 “C” grades. Dr. Paula Englis suggested to remove the “3 C’s” requirement and just keep the 3.0 requirement?

Ms. Mercer discussed the reason for allowing one grade to be forgiven. Ms. Willingham commented that it would be difficult for students in the cohort model to retake a course.

Dr. Boyd recommended that we retain the first sentence of the current policy.

Dr. Baines commented that the policy would allow only one course over the entire graduate program, it would be more generous if we allowed to repeat if they earned a “C” as well. Dr. Paula Englis responded that we have such issues with course capacity, it might be worse if we had students who earned a “C” back in the course. Dr. Basil Englis, added that allowing more repeats introduces issues for instructors because of content and course activities.

Dr. Paula Englis commented that they would take this back to the committee and refine the language.

Dr. Durbin recommended that the language in different parts of the catalog agree and be sufficiently precise that we don’t have students who argue about the policy.

Graduate student representation on Graduate Council

Dean Heames asked if there would be an EDU representative on the Council? Dr. Boyd responded that they have challenges attending the meetings because they typically are working during the day. She agreed that one should be identified in case we need them to be a part of an appeals committee.

Next meeting TBD.

Chair: Mary Boyd

Secretary: Bryce Durbin