

Graduate Council Minutes
February 19, 2013

Dr. Bressette called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. In attendance were Jackie McDowell, Monica Willingham, Nancy Mercer, Paula Englis, Jessica Flood, John Grout, Sherre Harrington, Rebecca Henry, Karen Kurz, Martha Tapia, Jill Cochran, and Brett Kennedy.

The minutes from the October 23, 2012 meeting were amended to include Jill Cochran as attending.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A copy of the grade forgiveness policy approved by Academic Council was distributed and reviewed. Since the policy only allows repeating coursework where the grade was a C- or less, there was not a strong consensus that a grade forgiveness policy was needed for graduate students. Dr. Bressette asked the group to discuss this with their graduate faculty and if a policy was needed to bring one forward for consideration by the council.

The council discussed December graduation. A discussion is likely to commence regarding the continuation of the December graduation ceremony. Fewer students are graduating in December and of the graduate students, fewer than half attended the ceremony in December 2012.

The Business school noted that they align their schedules so that most students graduate in May. The education program noted they might be able better align the schedule of courses so that students mostly complete in May as well. The consensus of the group was there is no strong feeling to retain the December graduation if that was the decision of the college. It would be important, however, to note completion on the student's transcripts as their salary may be impacted by the new degree.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Chair and Secretary: Andrew Bressette