

University of Wisconsin-Superior  
**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 5, 2011**

**Present:**, Griffith, Clark (Chair), Cross (Secretary), Robinson, Loonsk, Kronzer, Douglas and Banks.  
Staff: Wallgren. Guests: Wendy Kropid, Raychel Reiff

**Absent:** Nordgren, Berry

**Call to Order:** Clark called the meeting to order at 11:33 am

**New Business:**

1. **Approval of minutes of March 15, 2011:** Kronzer moved and Loonsk second approval of minutes. Unanimous approval.
2. **Associate Dean Announcements:** Kronzer attended the Dean and Directors' State Conference in March. Big concern is enrollment in grad programs statewide is low, especially for MSE-Instruction. DPI presented the impact of the new budget on education. Please see the DPI website for more information.

3. **Nominations for Graduate Faculty:**

**A. Educational Leadership:**

Counseling:

- Rosemary Doyle
- Tamara Egan-Bergum

Educational Administration:

- James Sauter
- Lanny Tibaldo
- Chad Trowbridge
- Jason Lau
- Susan Masterson
- Barry Kamrath

Robinson moved Griffith second approval of limited graduate faculty status for the above individuals for the 2011-2012 academic year. Unanimous approval.

**B. Continuing Education-** need to have departmental approval before bringing it to the Graduate Council for approval. They will be presented to the department and then come back to Grad Council at the next meeting.

4. **Course Prefix Changes:** Griffith moved and Cross second that the course prefix item that was tabled be removed from the table. Unanimous approval. Raychel Reiff presented a proposal that READ prefixes be changed to ENGEd since the course has been moved to the department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures. Course numbers and descriptions are not changing only the prefix. Griffith moved Loonsk second approval of prefix change. Unanimous approval.
5. **Thesis (Bound or Electronic-Minds@UW):** will be held until next meeting.
6. **Policy Review & Discussion:**

**A. Academic Standing:** Robinson moved Griffith second the following policy be approved for Academic Standing. Unanimous approval.

## **Academic Standing for Graduate Students**

Students should choose the academic pace that best meets their personal goals; however, successful movement toward goals combined with at least adequate acquisition of academic competence is a responsibility of the student. The following standards have been defined for graduate students including those seeking certification and graduate Special students. The policies and regulations listed below define the minimum academic standards of the University. A separate set of standards exist for financial aid.

### **Academic Good Standing**

Good academic standing is a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. To be eligible to enroll for classes, a graduate student must be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

### **Academic Probation**

Graduate students are placed on academic probation whenever their cumulative GPA drops below 3.0, or their semester GPA is less than 3.0, regardless of the cumulative GPA.

Graduate students on academic probation are restricted to a maximum of 3 credits while on probation.

Graduate students on probation must earn a 3.0 semester grade point average the following semester to continue enrollment. Graduate students remain on probation until their cumulative GPA improves to at least 3.0.

If a graduate student's semester GPA increases to 3.0 or higher and their cumulative GPA increases to a minimum of 3.0, the graduate student will be moved to good standing status. Once the cumulative GPA is 3.0 or above, a graduate student is no longer on probation. If a graduate student fails to earn a 3.0 semester grade point average while on probation, the graduate student will be suspended.

At the end of each term, academic standing is reviewed. Whenever a graduate student's semester or cumulative GPA drops below 3.0, the graduate student and his/her advisor is notified via email to the graduate student's UW-Superior email account.

Graduate transfer students accepted with less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA from all previously attended institutions may be admitted on academic probation.

Suspended students reinstated by the Graduate Council will be readmitted on academic probation.

### **Academic Suspension**

Graduate students previously on probation will be suspended if their subsequent semester GPA is less than 3.0, or their cumulative grade point average is below 3.0.

Suspended graduate students are required to sit-out at least one term prior to submitting a petition for reinstatement to the Graduate Council. However, if the graduate student can provide other sufficient evidence that extenuating circumstances led to their suspension status, s/he may submit a petition for reinstatement without having sat out a term.

### **Reinstatement**

Graduate students suspended more than two times must sit-out at least three years before petitioning for reinstatement. Petitions for reinstatement should be submitted to the Graduate Studies Office at least three weeks before the beginning of the term in which the graduate student wishes to re-enter. If a graduate student's written Petition for Reinstatement is denied, the student has the right to a personal appeal with the Graduate Council. Graduate students should be aware that a personal appeal must be supported by information and/or documentation in addition to what was provided on the original written petition.

**B. Grading System (hold until next meeting)**

- C. Advisor Holds (hold until next meeting)
  - D. Prospect Communications (hold until next meeting)
  - E. Policy Approval Form (hold until next meeting)
7. **Academic Plan Update:** The academic plan was reviewed and updated. Most items on the plan continue to be in progress.
  8. **All Graduate Faculty Meeting April 19 @ 4:00-6:00 PM in YU Room 204**
  9. **Good of the Order:**
  10. **Meeting adjourned** at 12:30 pm

Petitions: Petition approved for Katherine Pristash.