# **College of Education**

### **Graduate Programs Committee**

### March 22, 2012

#### **Minutes**

**Meeting convened:** 1:00 PM

**Present:** Deborah Floyd, Deborah Shepherd, Lourdes Diaz Soto, Susannah Brown, Linda Webb (via phone), Dilys Schoorman, Rangasamy Ramasamy, Patricia Willems (via phone), Deenaz Patel

- 1. Deborah Floyd convened the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were distributed and approved with revisions.
- 2. University Graduate Council/ University Graduate Programs Committee Update
  - The below memorandum was sent regarding the *Tuition Benefits Policy for Graduate Students*. This includes the motion passed during the meeting.

March 22, 2012

TO: Dr. Valerie Bristor, Dean of the College of EducationDr. Barry Rosson, Dean of the Graduate College and Vice President for Research

FROM: Dr. Deborah L. Floyd, Chairperson of the College of Education Graduate Programs Committee

RE: Tuition Benefits Policy for Graduate Students (dated February 28, 2012 and distributed to the University Graduate Council, March 21, 2012)

The College of Education Graduate Programs Committee met today and reviewed the *Tuition Benefits Policy for Graduate Students* document (draft February 28, 2012) that was distributed to the University Graduate Council by Dean Rosson on March 21, 2012. The COE GPC expressed concern about the proposed policy changes and the impact on students. They also expressed concern about not having enough time to obtain input from faculty colleagues and students.

The following motion was passed:

"Regarding the February 28, 2012 draft document about a change in tuition benefits for graduate students, the COE GPC recommends the following: All graduate students currently matriculating and receiving GA/Research Associate tuition benefits should be grandfathered in with the current policy remaining in place until they graduate. And, secondly if a new policy is implemented that it should not go into effect until January 2013 to allow students, advisors and faculty time to prepare programs of study that meet the new policy requirements."

I am submitting this to you on behalf of the College of Education Graduate Programs Committee and respectfully request your consideration of our recommendations and our concerns.

Copy: COE Graduate Programs Committee Colleagues Dr. Deborah Shepherd

# 3. Student Petition Committee Report

Subcommittee Report was presented by Dilys Schoorman. Petitions were considered by department and recommendations of subcommittee were approved. Moved by Dilys Schoorman and seconded by Rangasamy Ramasamy.

- CE had one (1) request.
- CCEI had one (1) request.
- EL&RM had six (6) requests.
- ESE had one (1) request.
- ES&HP had one (1) request.
- 4. A motion was made to align Graduate Faculty Status review date with the Graduate College dates in 2015. This was moved by Susannah Brown and seconded by Dilys Schoorman.
- 5. No additional business, the meeting was adjourned.