

Graduate Academic & Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2016

Attending: Don Hampton, John Yarie, Mike Daku, Donie Bret-Harte, Laura Bender, Amanda Loebel, Jayne Harvie

I. GAAC did not have a quorum today. Minutes from our meeting of 2/17/16 were reviewed and corrected, but could not be passed in the meeting. They were subsequently passed in an email vote.

II. Update from the graduate school. There was more discussion about proposed changes in policy regarding setting a ceiling on the number of times that a comprehensive exam could be taken, as introduced at our last meeting. GAAC is generally in support of providing such a ceiling, because it will help everyone to have policies in place before an awkward situation arises. GAAC will have to approve changes to the catalog, and would like to weigh in on the policy as it is developed.

A further update is that graduate student health insurance for next year looks like it can remain the same policy at the same cost as last year, which is good news.

III. GAAC discussed the proposals that are currently under review and revisions that have been received. The following proposals were deemed to be ready to pass, and were passed by an email vote after the meeting:

27-GCCh.: Course Change: [GEOS F330 - The Dynamic Alaskan Coastline](#)

36-GCDr.: Course Drop: [ENVE F648 - Solid Waste Management](#)

37-GCCh.: Course Change: [ENVE F650 - Advanced Topics](#)

38-GNC: New Course: [CE F665 - Introduction to Watershed Hydrology](#)

39-GPCh.: Program Change: [MS - Environmental Engineering and Environmental Quality Science](#)

40-GPCh.: Program Change: [MS - Civil Engineering](#)

41-GPCh.: Program Change: [MA - Anthropology](#), pending some small changes (Daryl has communicated these to the proposers)

42-GNC: New Course: [NRM F667 - Survey Research in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources](#), pending correction of prerequisite in syllabus

IV. Our next meeting will be March 9, 2016 at 1:15 pm.