

Graduate Academic & Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for 04/10/17

Attending: Sean McGee (online), Laura Bender (online), Sean Topkok, Don Hampton, Mitch Reed, Roman Makarevich, Daryl Farmer, Sarah and Colleen (Registrar's Office), Donie Bret-Harte, Jayne Harvie, Mike Castellini

- I. Updates from the Graduate School. Following up on our last meeting, Mike Castellini has been looking into the language in graduate contracts regarding re-paying scholarships (in both RA and TA language). No one knows who put it in. The Provost and Human Resources personnel have no problem with removing this language. The Grad School will submit the modified language to Legal Counsel and have them review it. In addition, the Graduate School is preparing for graduation. They expect that around 30 Ph.D. students will walk across the stage. The dinner banquet for graduating Ph.D.s will be combined with the Gold Banquet for Honorary Degrees. Right now, Graduate School staff members are reading and checking theses. Ordinarily, they try to do a rehearsal for the students a day ahead of time, but there will be no rehearsal this year, because commencement is on Saturday, so the graduate school has created a video for the Ph.D. students to help them know what to expect. This next month will be very busy. Roman asked who does the hooding for a Ph.D. student if no one from a student's graduate committee is at graduation? Mike indicated that the Graduate School will find someone in the student's department who will do it (possibly the Department Chair). Mike Castellini will go to UAS graduation for the UAF Ph.D. students who are located there.
- II. Special guest: Valerie Gifford from the Counseling Department came to provide information on two courses that we are currently considering. The course is one of two in a practicum series. COUN 634 involves students, faculty, and staff providing mental health counseling, has a similar level of contact, and is already approved and in the catalog. COUN 635 involves applying this mental health counseling in a community setting. Students need 40 hours of direct service with patient (over the two courses) and 60 hours of indirect service (over the two courses). This prepares them for their internship, in which they obtain 300 additional hours. After 2 years, they are ready to be certified. KCREP requires them to have 40 direct hours of contact prior to internship. GAAC felt that this explanation satisfied our questions, but the course paperwork needs to change the credits from two to three on the form.
- III. Updates on current assignments under review were discussed, and new assignments were made.
- IV. GAAC passed the following course proposals and changes:
Carryforward: **43-GNC: New Course: [DVM F7xx - Strategies for Establishing and Maintaining Well-Being in the Veterinary Profession](#)**
25-GNC: New Course: [COUN F635 - Field Practicum](#), pending changing credits from 2 to 3 on the form.
34-GNC: New Course: [DVM F737 - Principles of Veterinary Anesthesia](#)
and

35-GNC: New Course: **DVM F742 - Biology of Disease III - Pathology of Organ Systems II** were passed by email on 5/3/17

- V. Our next meeting was scheduled for Monday April 24 at 1:00 pm, though it had to be rescheduled for Thursday, May 4 at 2:30 pm, because of the special Senate meeting on program discontinuations that was held on April 24.