

Georgia Institute of Technology
Graduate Curriculum Committee
Minutes
September 12, 2013

Present: Jagoda, (AE), Pikowsky (REG), Flowers (ARCH), Neitzel (ME), Dickson (CHEM), Ferri (ECE), Singhal (MGT), Sharp (Grad Studies), Boldyreva (CoC), Kvam (ISyE), Macrakis (HTS), Sluss (CoB), Ries (ECON), Jayaraman (MSE)

Visitors: Laros (REG), Merkousko (REG), Hodges (REG), Black (EAS), Matthews (Grad Studies)

Note: All action items in these minutes require approval by the Academic Senate. In some instances, items may require further approval by the Board of Regents or the University System of Georgia. If the Regents' approval is required, the change is not official until notification is received from the Board to that effect. Academic units should take no action on these items until USG and/or BOR approval is secured. In addition, units should take no action on any of the items below until these minutes have been approved by the Academic Senate or the Executive Board.

Academic Matters

1. A motion was made to approve a request from the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences for new courses. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Courses – Approved

EAS 6370: Physics of Planets	3-0-3
EAS 6670: Atmospheric Dynamics II	3-0-3

Note: Approval of this course was subject to confirmation from the School of Physics that they have no issues with the title of EAS 6370. The follow-up from Physics was completed after the meeting and there were no concerns voiced by the School of Physics. They did indicate that this class might actually be an attractive option for some of their students, so they were glad to see it from that perspective.

2. Discussion of the USG report on degrees produced by program.

After some discussion of the undesignated MS degrees that are listed on the USG report, the Committee came to the conclusion that sending the School Chairs a memo, such as the one that the Undergraduate Committee used, would be a good way to vet the issue in a broader manner to find out what the individual units would like to do with these degrees. The Registrar will provide the IUCC memo to Dr. Jagoda who will tailor it to address the MS degree questions. The Committee will be notified as soon as the memo is sent. The feedback from the School Chairs will be reported at the next meeting. A decision on how to proceed might be informed from that point.

Generally, Committee members agree that a generic Master of Science degree without any major associated with it might be a very good idea. It could potentially be used campus-wide to address some of the needs that are being met by the undesignated MS degrees. In the reporting process, we

would be counting numbers of a single degree, not multiple degrees which would be a better indication of how productive, or not, it is.

3. Establishment of an exploratory subcommittee to look at policies.

The Committee agreed that establishing a subcommittee to look at various policies that are either misunderstood or that seem outdated would be a very good plan. Two recent topics that have been identified are the minor for the PhD and the residency requirement for the PhD program. There are likely several others, such as demonstrating English competency by non-native speakers, that could benefit from closer scrutiny. Paul Neitzel and Christine Ries volunteered to serve on the Subcommittee. Leslie Sharp and Reta Pikowsky will also be members. The Subcommittee would work through all the topics identified and report back the Committee on any recommendations that come out of the discussions.

Student Petitions

1. Victor Breedveld and Christine Ries have agreed to serve on the Petitions Subcommittee. The Registrar's Office will get the Subcommittee up and running as soon as there are petitions to review.
2. A motion was made to approve actions of the Petitions Subcommittee in the following areas. The motion was seconded and approved.

32- Full Graduate Standing

- 1- Readmit after first drop for the Fall 2013 term (1 Denied)
- 2- Return for the Fall 2013 term
 - 1- Change grade mode
- 10- Register late
- 4- Count excess Pass-Fail course hours toward degree
 - 1- Use exchange program credit toward degree
 - 2- Six-year rule waiver
 - 8- Seven-year rule waiver
- 1- Graduate under Dual Degree program
- 1- Register for co-op
- 2- Cancel Registration
- 1- Count courses toward degree that were taken on Special Status
- 1- Substitute courses for MS ECON Degree
- 3- Selective withdrawal
 - 1- Waive 3.0 GPA requirement for degree
- 1- Use CHEM4511 and CHEM4512 toward CHEM MS Degree
- 2- Term withdrawal
 - 2- Remove "W's" from transcript (cancel registration)
- 1- Waive the two-semester residency requirement
- 1- Count courses taken at Georgia State University for degree
- 2- Change registration for the Fall 213 term

Adjourned,
Reta Pikowsky
Registrar