

**Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)**  
**Minutes for 9/4/15 meeting at 3:00pm (SON Room #200)**

**Minutes Approved Sept. 30, 2015**

**GPC Members present:** Frances Chumney, Lama Farran, Shirley Lankford, Kareen Malone, Ann McCleary, Dawn McCord (Chair), Denise Overfield, Jeannie Pridmore, Shea Rose, Toby Ziglar

**GPC Members absent:** Christy Berding, Anja Remshagen, Matt Varga, Susan Webb

**Guests:** Mike Johnson (Criminology)

**1. Minutes: 4/16/2015**

Any Changes, Additions, Modifications

Action: *Approved*

**2. Course/Program Additions, Modifications, Deletions:**

**A. College of Social Sciences**

**1. Course Proposals:**

**a. Criminology Department**

- i. Course: CRIM 5004 Managing Data  
(Originator Johnson, Mike). This course teaches students to build and manage databases using SPSS. An emphasis is placed on working with large national data sets, including those available through the U.S. Census Bureau and the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research. Although a basic understanding of research methods and statistics is helpful, it is not necessary for this course. (See <https://apps.westga.edu/catalog/>)

Request: Add

Rationale: The Department of Criminology previously included a Managing Data course in its curriculum but at the 6000 level. In the interest of being able to cross-list this course, we are now re-creating the course at the 5000 level. At the graduate level, this course will greatly aid students who are preparing to write a thesis. At the

undergraduate level, this course will serve as part of the Data Analytics certificate created by COSS and RCOB.

Action: *Approved*

## C. School of Nursing

### 1. Course Proposals:

- i. Course: NURS 9012 Nursing Education Synthesis. (Originator Duke, Karen). This course provides the student with opportunities to practice the roles, processes, and functions of an educator within a quality caring framework. (See

<https://apps.westga.edu/catalog/>)

Request: Modify

Rationale: Lab hours removed to accommodate out-of-state students with a 100% online program. Changes were made to course description and course outcomes for better alignment with the CNE NLN Nurse Educator Competencies and SACS accreditation requirements for the university.

Action: *Approved*

## 4. New business:

### A. Challenges and Opportunities in UWG Graduate Studies--Denise Overfield

- a. *Committee shared their current experiences with graduate studies processes. They support the discussion and the potential refinement of said processes in support of a growing population of UWG Graduate Students.*
- b. *Agreement was expressed for any initiative that would be generated from the ground up.*
- c. *Appreciation for the work Toby Ziglar and his staff have done was affirmed.*
- d. *Denise was asked to create a statement that might summarize these opportunities and in turn could be shared with the Senate. This will be presented and discussed at the next GPC meeting.*

### B. Graduate Student Representative

- a. {From Policies and Procedures} A student representative shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the committee.
  - i. Selection Criteria
    - 1. Currently enrolled as a graduate student in good standing
    - 2. Expected to be present at GPC scheduled meetings

3. Willing to commit to a 1-2 year term
- ii. Selection Methods
    1. The Graduate Programs Committee Chair will solicit names from each college/school at the beginning of the academic year.
    2. Each college or school (COAH, COSM, COSS, COE, RCOB, SON) may submit the name of one graduate student who meets the selection criteria. To be brought meeting
    3. The Graduate Programs Committee members will select one student representative at the first meeting of the academic year.
  - iii. *GPC members were asked to return with recommendations for a student representative.*
  - iv. *Puzzlement stated over why a student representative would not be a voting member was posed.*
- C. Need a Senator to attend Senate Executive Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM and present GPC Items at the Oct. 9 Senate Meeting.
  - D. Meeting dates and location confirmed
  - E. Discussion on the green initiative for meetings
    - a. *Committee supports the use of electronic devices for meetings.*

*Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 AM*