

New Mexico Council of Graduate Deans

University of New Mexico, Scholes Hall 226
Noon to ~2:00 pm , January 10, 2005

Minutes

Members Present: Teresita Aguilar (UNM), Linda Lacey (NMSU), David Johnson (NMT), Clarence Sanchez (NMHU), Phillip Shelley (ENMU), and Sandy Martin (CHE). Junius Logan (WNMU) participated in the review and approval of the proposed graduate program via telephone.

- 1) **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order just after noon David Johnson
- 2) **Approval of the minutes** of the November 22, 2004 meeting
 - a. Amendment - Correction to the spelling of "Letitia" line 5a.
 - b. Minutes were approved as amended.
- 3) **Announcements:**
 - a. Recommendation to read Shelly's article on "students as customers"
- 4) **In the Pipeline** – Degrees proposals in various stages of consideration at member universities:
 - a. **NMSU** –Ph.D. in Nursing, Masters in Ecology and Environmental Sciences (Wildlife Sciences Department), Masters degree in school psychology, doctoral program in Technology Management (joint program with NMT and UNM).
 - b. **ENMU** – Masters of public administration,
 - c. **UNM** – Biomedical Sciences, Women's Studies Certificate
 - d. **NMHU** – Masters in Forensic Science
 - e. **NMT** – Nothing in the pipeline
 - f. **WNMU** – No progress on Master of Science in Information Security Degree
- 5) **New Business** – Approval of new graduate programs
 - a. **Strategies to increase money for graduate student support** – Lacey previously circulated a packet with information regarding GA-ships via Hobbs race track. One of our senators put forth a measure for this that died in the last session. Dean Carruthers has initiated an approach that would generate from 260 to 300 new GA-ships. This would be placed on the agenda for the 2005 legislative session. Data is needed and testimonials may be required in Santa Fe during the session to emphasize the limits on GA-ship growth from I&G funds. Shelley volunteered to help with initiative. Discussion of how GA-ships were to be distributed to be based on graduate enrollment. How are full-time students to be regarded? It was agreed that 9 credits would serve as the basis for full-time status. Aguilar questioned how we would define "high qualifications" for student participants. Individual campuses would define this status. Shelley pursued the exclusion of nonresident students in the draft document arguing that many nonresident students become part of the NM workforce. Is there data to support this? Lacey observed that this would be easier to sell if it was for residents. Martin will make certain that the CHE is

aware of this initiative. Johnson voiced a concern that obtaining these GA-ships should not have the effect of diminishing the funding for TAs on campuses and it was agreed that language should specify that these are to increase the numbers of assistantships currently on campuses.

- b. Formalized Process for Consideration of new graduate degree proposals by the New Mexico Council of Graduate Deans** – Johnson circulated a revised process for consideration of new graduate degree proposals. This implements Aguilar’s suggestion that four members constitute a quorum. ACHE approval was reinserted into the process. A typo relating to the nature of submitted materials was corrected (“D” to “C” on page 2; Nature of Submitted Materials). Johnson indicated that he would continue to serve as webmaster for the NMCGD web pages as long as he remained on the Council. Discussion of deadline for submission of proposals to the NMCGD ended in a consensus of November 1 of each year.

The agenda was adjusted at this point to move to:

6. Approval of New Programs

- a. UNM - Master of Science in Computer Engineering – Members of the Computer Science and Engineering Department and the School of Engineering presented a synopsis of the proposed program. After the discussion and a period for questions, the Council unanimously recommended approval of this program.

The agenda returned to Item 5b.

- b. Formalized Process for Consideration of new graduate degree proposals by the New Mexico Council of Graduate Deans** – Lacey noted that chair did not vote except to break a tie. Discussion. Language to limit chair’s vote was struck. Quorum was increased to 5, who must be present, available remotely or represented by written proxy to act on a proposal for a new graduate program.
- c. Consideration of changes to graduate certificate approval process** – Aguilar draft was to be amended to limit the proposed exemption for approval to programs of 20 hours or less. It was agreed that the letter (see appended) would be sent on behalf of the Council as soon as it was amended. The goal is to have this included on the agenda for the April CHE meeting (see attached letter).
- d. Changes in NM Higher Education** - Martin outlined the proposed changes leading to a higher education department and the appointment of a cabinet level secretary of higher education. Based on the changes underway, it seems like an inappropriate time to put a lot of effort into changing the degree approval process.

- e. **NMCGD presentation to the Educational Programs subcommittee of the CHE and then to the CHE regarding the details of internal graduate program approval processes at the states universities.** – discussion suspended due to upcoming changes in CHE.
7. **NMCGD's Dialog** – Lacey informed us that NMSU is in discussions with Michigan State University to form a partnership in Nuclear Physics that would provide support for both undergraduate and graduate students with a summer research experience modeled after the AMP program. Johnson outlined the status of NM-AGEP Reapplication (it is on hold). Aguilar spoke of the UNM pilot PFF program which is intended to ultimately interface with the NM-AGEP. Shelly spoke of ENMU assuming responsibility in Lee County for graduate education of educators in the county as other providers have pulled out; ENMU will also begin to offer Graduate Education in Education and MBA courses in Farmington via DE. ENMU has been approached by Raton and Tatum about expanding ENMU education programs into those regions. With the adoption of the NM 3-Tier program these kinds of requests may be expected at all schools. There is a perceived growing demand for continuing education in many fields and at least part of this can be satisfied with certificate programs. Only UNM has transcribed certificate programs.
8. **Next Meeting:** March discussed as a possibility. Left open pending developments with the UNM Women's Studies Certificate.
9. **Adjournment**