

Graduate Council Minutes
June 30, 2014

Call to Order: Dr. John Igwebuike called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Other members in attendance were Dr. Ivan Banks, Dr. Malinda Butler, Dr. Robert Z. Carr, Dr. Daniel Collins, Dr. Babu Patlolla, Dr. Bettaiya Rajanna, Ms. Lula Russell, Ms. Danielle D. Terrell, Dr. Johnny Thomas, and Dr. Ping Zhang.

Second Master's Degree: Ms. Lula Russell discussed the Second Master's Degree. She gave courtesy reminders to Graduate Council members that the document had been e-mailed for review and readiness for motion, discussion, and hopeful approval. Time is of the essence as revisions to the *2014-16 Graduate Catalog* are now pending. No motion emanated from the body as Dr. Robert Carr requested additional time to investigate the transferring of credits and any adverse effects on the School of Education's Accreditation.

Academic Regulations: The Graduate Council reviewed the Academic Regulations and accepted the following recommendations:

All graduate students must maintain a minimum standard of 3.0 on a 4.0 system (see requirements for candidacy). The student must not accumulate more than six semester hours of credit below B (3.0). The student cannot graduate with a letter grade of D or lower. Students receiving a letter grade of D or lower must re-enroll in the course and make a higher grade. Either of the above (six semester credit-hours below B or a letter grade of D/F) will result in the removal of the student from graduate degree candidacy status.

A student will be placed on probation at the close of any term in which the student's cumulative GPA fall below a 3.0. A student is subject to dismissal from the program if the minimum GPA is not obtained in the subsequent 9 semester hours of course work. Students may apply for readmission after one semester, except graduate nursing students who if dismissed for academic failure may not apply for readmission at any time.

The Council members recommended that particularized policies for the MBA (number of allowable hours of C for foundation classes) and Nursing (accreditation grade compliance requirement) be omitted from the Academic Regulations. Instead, catalog readers would be advised to also read their catalog information for their programs of choice, to ensure compliance with those academic requirements as well.

Graduate Faculty - School of Nursing: Dr. Yolanda M. Powell-Young did not attend the meeting. Thus, the Graduate Council members did not motion regarding the Graduate Faculty membership for the School of Nursing. Ballots will be sent to Council members to vote on the applications electronically.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.