

Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2015

Attending: Sean McGee, Dary Farmer, Mitch Reed, John Yarie, Mike Daku, Jayne Harvie, Holly Sherouse, Laura Bender, Don Hampton, Mike Stellini, Anne Beaudreau (by phone), Franz Mueter (by phone), Donie Bret-Harte

deferred grades in graduate courses, analogous to the policy passed for past deferred grades in undergraduate courses. Deferred grades are used by some departments for student thesis work prior to completion. Holly Sherouse will provide GAAC with data on past deferred grades for graduate students. It will be easier for her if any policy defines only one deadline (e.g. the ten years that are allowed for a Ph.D.) for all cases. Holly indicated that the registrar can code extensions in Banner if needed.

IV. Thesis signature pages The library has indicated that it no longer wants to store bound copies of theses any more, but will keep electronic copies. However, the graduate school still requires physical signature pages with actual signatures. This is sometimes a hurdle for students to track down members of their committees when signatures are needed, and if they could be signed electronically, this would be easier. However, some faculty members have expressed concern about signatures being cut and

It was suggested that we invite Larry Duffy to the next meeting, to discuss the certificate program. Mike Daku will contact him with questions.

VII. New review assignments were made.

VII I. GAAC's next meeting was set for Wednesday September 23 pm