

Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes
September 12, 2016

Members Present: Robert A. Vaughan, Jr. (Chair), Erin Nagel, Celeste Walley-Jean, Andrea Allen, Susan Copeland, Judith Ogden, Michael Dancs, Josh Kitchens, Patricia Smith, Victoria Foster, MaryBeth Stegall, Thomas McIlwain, Kelli Nipper

Members Not Present: Emily Harbert, Elliot Krop, Mari Roberts Charlie Harris, Charles Elfer, Dennis Attick, Craig Hill, Melanie Poudevigne

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from July 21, 2016 Graduate Affairs Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by McIlwain and approved by the Committee.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications below:

Marcia Butler, College of Health (Full): motion to approve by Foster, seconded by Walley-Jean, approved by committee.

Dr. Ogden presented the proposal to change the policy on "U" grades for graduate students. Currently the "S" grade does not calculate in a graduate student's grade point average, but the "U" calculates the same as an "F". She would like to propose the "U" grade have no affect the grade point average, but it would still count toward all other graduate policy requirements, such as a graduate student cannot earn more than two grades of "C" or below. This policy would become effective fall 2017 with the new catalog. A motion to approve this policy was made by Ogden, seconded by Copeland, and approved by the committee. The policy will be presented to the Deans and the Registrar for approval and is an informational item for Faculty Senate.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.
Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor