

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES  
PREPARED FOR FACULTY SENATE**

Report Date   April 1, 2012    
 Committee   Graduate Affairs  

Date Assigned	Description	Date(s) of Meeting(s)	Date Submitted	Date(s) of Senate Action
August 2012	Creation of GAC task force to make recommendations regarding changes to the allocation of graduate assistantships on campus	August 2011 through October 2011	GAC recommendations approved (10/9/11)	

Chair   Joey Crosby  

Additional Members   Becky Da Cruz (Vice Chair)  

  Bryan Riemann (GA Task Force Chair)

**Graduate Affairs Committee  
Annual Report to Faculty Senate (2011-2012)**

The Graduate Affairs Committee met eight times (monthly) during the 2011-2012 academic year.

In addition to the committee's normal responsibilities to approve graduate curriculum, the following new programs of study were approved:

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- Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Clinical Informatics
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Professional Communications and Leadership

Approval was given to revise the Master of Arts in Liberal and Professional Studies into a more solid program based on assessment of the existing program's strengths and weaknesses. The program was renamed to Master of Arts in Professional Communications and Leadership.

Approval was given to revise the Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle Grades Education by broadening it to the Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Education, in order to meet demands for secondary teachers. Those certified by the State of Georgia in a secondary field can teach in grades 6-12, while those certified only in middle grades cannot. Final approval of this substantive change is contingent upon approval by the USG Board of Regents and to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

The committee also oversaw the renumbering of graduate courses to achieve consistency with other USG institutions (6000-7000 Master's, 8000 and above Doctoral).

Thirty-seven faculty members were approved for graduate faculty status.

There were no academic appeals from graduate students to be adjudicated this year.

The committee also accomplished the following:

- (1) Made recommendations to the President regarding changes to the policy and procedures for allocating graduate assistantships to programs on campus;
- (2) Continued to advocate for changes to how graduate coordinators are compensated for their administrative duties, specifically during summer semester for those coordinators that are 10 month faculty.

Items for GAC consideration / action during the 2012-2013 academic year:

1. Possible modification(s) to the current fee schedule for graduate students to allow for proration of certain fees during summer semester for those taking three or fewer credit hours, consistent with other USG institutions;
2. Continuation of dialog regarding graduate coordinator compensation policy during summer semesters;
3. Continued dialog regarding the funding and allocation of graduate assistantship positions across campus;