

## **The Belk College Graduate Council (BCGC) Roles and Responsibilities**

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The Belk College Graduate Committee for Assurance of Learning and Curriculum (GCALC) was created on September 11, 2009 by a vote of the Belk College faculty to provide faculty oversight of the Belk College's graduate curriculum and Assurance of Learning process. The Belk College faculty voted on April 15, 2011 to rename this committee the Belk College Graduate Council (BCGC.)

### *Curriculum*

The Belk College Graduate Council (BCGC) will review all graduate-related curriculum proposals. When the proposal involves major changes (50% or more) in requirements of a program of study, or initiation or deletion of a graduate academic program, if approved by BCGC it will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Belk College faculty. For all other proposals, if approved by BCGC the proposal will be placed on the Belk College Consent Calendar and there shall be a two-week period during which any member of the Regular Graduate Faculty, as defined by Article II of the Belk College of Business Faculty Bylaws, may register an objection with the Faculty President or Dean of the Belk College, causing that proposal to be considered at the next faculty meeting of the Belk College.

### *Program Review*

Assurance of Learning (AoL) is a faculty driven process. While primary responsibility for Assurance of Learning lies with the graduate program committees, BCGC serves to provide faculty oversight and policy recommendations related to AoL for graduate programs within the Belk College as well as interdisciplinary graduate programs that fall within the Belk College's AACSB and SACS accreditation. Specific responsibilities of BCGC include:

- Review of new program proposals to ensure that the Student Learning Goals are consistent with the Belk College Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Strategic plan.

- Annual selection of one or two graduate programs for review to ensure continued alignment with the Belk College Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Strategic plan, and to ensure that assessment of the learning goals is taking place and is resulting in continuous program improvement.

- Annual consideration of a major theme or area to be evaluated for appropriateness for inclusion in some or all graduate programs and for evaluation as to its current level of inclusion in Belk College graduate programs.

### **Reporting**

BCGC reports directly to the faculty for discussion, voting and implementation.

### **Constitution of the Committee and Voting**

Each department in the College elects one BCGC member for a two-year term before April 15. To provide staggered terms, the departments of Accounting, Business Information Systems and Operations Management, and Management elect members in even years. The departments of Economics, Finance and Marketing elect members in odd year. The BCGC Chair is elected by the committee members. The Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs (ADRGP) serves as ex-officio member.

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