

**Graduate Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**  
 University of North Dakota  
 March 24, 2014 – Montgomery, Room 20

**Chairing the Meeting:** Peg Mohr

**In attendance:** Dana Harsell, Naima Kaabouch, Robert Newman, Ann Flower, James Casler, Glenda Lindseth, Slavka Antonova, Hans Broedel, Paul Todhunter, Kyle Thorson, and Wayne Swisher

**Not in attendance:** Josh Bronfman, Jodi Holen, and Jesse Rhoades

**Others in attendance:** Linda Campbell – Recording Secretary, Laura Look – Assist. to the Dean, Atif Mohammad - GSA

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Meeting Called to Order	3:00 PM	Peg Mohr
Approval of Minutes	The minutes from March 3, 2014 <span style="float: right;"><i>Peg Mohr</i></span> <u>Motion:</u> "Move to approve". <span style="float: right;">(Casler/Rhoades)</span>  <u>Vote:</u> Approved – Unanimous	Approved
Old Business	None	
New Business	<p><u>Speech &amp; Languages</u> <span style="float: right;"><i>Discussant: Slavka Antonova</i></span>  <u>English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ph.D. in English – Request for Program Requirement Change                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Require proficiency in either one language other than English to level VI or level IV proficiency in two languages other than English.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Motion:</u> "Move to accept change". <span style="float: right;">(Antonova/Broedel)</span></p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Approve – Unanimous</p> <p><u>English Language Proficiency Test</u> <span style="float: right;"><i>Discussant: Wayne Swisher</i></span></p> <p><i>*Two handouts were passed out: NDUS Policies &amp; Procedures(Section: 4029 Admissions Procedures – New Applicants w/International Coursework) and Letter to the GC from Dr. Swisher (Re: English Language Proficiency Requirements)</i></p>	Approved

	<p>After an extended discussion Dr. Swisher's recommendation was that the School of Graduate Studies use the new NDUS composite scores for international applicants whose native language is not English, and that programs be allowed to require higher standards if preferred. The Graduate Teaching Assistant should have composite of 76, a TOEFL score of 26, and a Speak Test score of 26 minimum.</p> <p>The discussion ended with the committee in agreement that this proposal should first be addressed to the Program Directors to get their feedback before the Graduate Committee endorses the proposal.</p>	
Matters Arising	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Wayne Swisher</i></p> <p>Starting next Sunday (March 30, 2014), Fargo, ND is to host the Conference of Graduate Schools Annual Convention. Dr. Swisher will be attending the meeting and therefore will not be in attendance of the next Graduate Committee scheduled meeting.</p>	
	Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 PM	

*Paul E. Soderstrom*  
 Chair of Graduate Committee

*APRIL 21, 2014*  
 Date