

IDC recommendation for proposed text regarding the consideration of Graduate Programs, to be inserted in the Faculty Handbook 5.4.2 after 10.

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UNC Asheville Procedures for the Consideration of Graduate Programs

Those who propose a new Graduate Program, or those who propose the addition of graduate programs to the Graduate Center offerings, will consult with the appropriate Academic Deans, Departments, Programs and the Provost regarding the concept, need, alignment with University Mission, and resource implications (see UNC Asheville Internal Procedures above).

- 1) IDC, on behalf of the Senate, will be engaged in consideration of any graduate programs to be offered by UNCA throughout the process of institutional planning, proposal preparation, and preparation of Requests for Authorization to either Plan or to Establish a New Degree Program documents, as required. Those proposing programs should notify the Chair of the IDC, early in the process, so that IDC may advise and consult.
- 2) For both new Graduate Programs and the addition of graduate programs to the Graduate Center offerings, IDC will consider issues of cost and benefits to the university, students, programs and the community; whether the proposed program supports the institutional mission; its potential impact on institutional resources and the quality of undergraduate education; and any other considerations as appropriate.
- 3) The UNC Asheville Director of Institutional Research should be consulted to develop enrollment projections and trends; to identify similar or duplicative programs; to determine the appropriate CIP code; to identify and respond to accreditation issues; and to help prepare documents in the appropriate format for submission to the Board of Trustees and UNC General Administration.
- 4) The initial proposal, The Requests for Authorization and supplemental materials required by UNC GA at least in draft form, as well as any supplemental information requested by IDC will be used to consider the proposal.
- 5) Since new degree programs are to receive Faculty Senate approval prior to submission, IDC will report to the Senate. FWDC may be engaged, and will consider faculty issues of welfare and development. APC will be involved in all course, curriculum and Certificate approval per current practices.