Graduate Council Agenda
Meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2017
EHFA, room 164 @ 11:45 am

Old Business
1. Approve minutes from February 1, 2017

New Business
1. Office moving soon to Baxley Hall rooms 223-224
2. Student survey sent out starting Feb. 23-March 31
3. Proposal for changes in a graduate course
   a. CMSS 617 Effective Scientific Communications: Preparing for Life as a Scientist
      i. This will have no impact on existing degree programs. We request to make this course variable credit (from 1-3 credits as desired). Since it is offered during the Maymester, some students may choose to take a less demanding summer course at the 1-credit level. In this case, those students may participate in either the writing component or the professional skills development component of the course. Students taking the course for 3 credits will participate in both components.
4. Proposal for changes in a graduate program
   a. CMSS M.S.
      i. We want to create a formalized pathway for exceptional CCU undergraduate students majoring in Marine Science to progress into the CMWS M.S. program and complete both degree programs in a shortened timeframe. This does not change degree requirements for the undergraduate Marine Science major. If a student passes qualifying exams for both CMWS 601 and 602, he/she will receive a course waiver for one of these and be allowed a course substitution for the other. Otherwise, degree requirements for the CMWS program remain unchanged.
   b. Catalog description: The Coastal Accelerated Integrated Marine Science (Coastal AIMS) Plan offers a comprehensive plan for highly motivated students to complete all coursework requirements for both the B.S. in Marine Science and the M.S. in Coastal Marine and Wetland Studies within five years. These highly motivated students would enroll in above-average course loads during their first three years of study, enabling them to take up to 12 graduate credits via the Transitional Study program during their fourth year. Students applying to the AIMS Plan must have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0, an average GPA of 3.0 or better in the 300-level
MSCI core courses, two letters of recommendation from CCU Graduate Faculty, and a written commitment from a Graduate Faculty member to serve as the student’s M.S. advisor. In addition to offering an expedited pathway to both the B.S. and M.S. degrees, students in the AIMS Plan may earn waivers for up to two graduate core courses. For more information, contact Dr. Rick Peterson (email: rpeters2@coastal.edu).