

**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
**Report on the Graduate Curriculum Committee**  
**2007-2008 Annual Report**

**for Presentation on:**

October 21, 2008, 2-4:00 p.m., Ferst Center for the Arts  
General Faculty Assembly and Academic Senate (State of the Institute Address - Fall Meeting of  
the General Faculty)

**Members:** Bridget Barry, Robert Butera, Janet Murray, John Peponis, Marilyn Smith, Jim Craig, Leo Mark, Luis Martins, R. Gary Parker, David Anderson, Julie Babensee, Beth Davis, David Goldsman, Jianmin Qu, Scott Wills, Min Zhou, Reta Pikowsky, Raymond Vito, Kapil Gupta, Bert Bras, Gail Potts

**Meetings:** The GCC held 10 meetings during the 2007-2008 academic year plus a few additional ad hoc meetings dealing with focused topics such as developing guidelines for admission and program reviews. R. Gary Parker served as Chair of the Committee; Julie Babensee served as Vice Chair.

**Curricular Items:** Over the 2007-2008 academic year, the GCC approved several modifications and additions to Georgia Tech degree programs. This includes:

1. One hundred and fourteen (114) new courses spanning 17 different academic units and programs. In addition, a variety of minor adjustments and modifications were also made to a number of courses including alterations to prerequisites, course restrictions, deactivations, reactivations, and cross-listings.
2. Two new PhDs, one Professional Masters, one five-year BS/MS, and three new PhD or Masters specializations/options were approved. Two joint degrees (one MS and one PhD) and one dual Masters degree were approved as well as a number minor changes to existing degree programs.

**Changes in Academic Policy, New Guidelines:** Two items:

1. Allowing transfer credit from institutions other than those listed in the current policy that must either be accredited by a Canadian or U.S. regional accrediting board or partner institution with GT-Lorraine.
2. Guidelines for Petitions, Admission to Graduate Status without an Undergraduate Degree

**Program Reviews:** Three reports: School of History, Technology, and Society, College of Computing, and the College of Architecture

**Student Petitions and Appeals:** The Graduate Committee acted on 79 student petitions. This number is similar to those in past years.

**Special Action:** Award of a posthumous doctoral degree

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Chair, GCC, 2007-2008