

GRADUATE COUNCIL AGENDA
September 21, 2006
1:30 P.M.

264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Minutes of the April 20, 2006, Graduate Council Meeting (Enclosure 1).
2. Proposal for a collaborative concentration in Educational Policy between the College of Education, Department of Educational Administration and Policy; College of Liberal Arts, Department of Political Science. Dr. Kathy Gratto and Dr. David Honeyman will be present for discussion (Enclosure 2).
3. Proposal for an interdisciplinary concentration and certificate in Sustainable Design. Dr. Tony Dasta will be present for discussion (Enclosure 3).
4. Proposal for a certificate in Sustainable Architecture. Dr. Tony Dasta will be present for discussion (Enclosure 4).
5. Proposal for a jointly conferred PhD in Chemistry between UF and École Doctorale Des Sciences Chimiques (Edsc) De L'université Bordeaux 1. Dr. Randy Duran and Dr. Ben Smith will be present for discussion (Enclosure 5).
6. Proposal for Template for a PhD Jointly Conferred with Another Institution. Dr. Karen Bradley will be present for discussion (Enclosure 6).
7. Proposal to move the concentration Entrepreneurship under the Master of Science with a major in Business Administration to a Master of Science with a major in Entrepreneurship. Dr. Andy McCollough and Dr. Arnie Heggstad will be present for discussion (Enclosure 7).
8. Proposal for a concentration, Public Health Practice, in the MPH program. Dr. Stephanie Hanson will be present for discussion (Enclosure 8).

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Administratively approved proposals (Enclosure 9)
 - A. Proposal to change the total credit hours for the joint Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health program to 48 credits.
 - B. Proposal to change the total credit hours for the joint JD/Master of Public Health program to 48 credits.
10. National Research Council Assessment Update

All eligible UF degree programs have been identified and assigned to the appropriate NRC field. We have 61 programs involved in the assessment. All program contacts were invited to attend meetings about the next step in the process and I'd estimate that about 80-90% were in attendance.

National Research Council Assessment Update (Continued)

Next week we will send to the NRC lists of faculty who are "core" and "associated" members of these programs. Student names in 5 disciplines (English, Economics, Physics, Neuroscience, and Chemical Engineering) will be sent at the same time. So far, about 25% of the programs have completed this portion of the assessment instrument.

The program questionnaire is the next step. It is critical that departments devote proper attention to completing it. Program contacts have already received the questionnaire and know which data elements will be provided by the Graduate School and which elements they must provide.

Some of the data that the NRC requests to calculate completion rates and time to degree are difficult to extract. We have already pulled the numbers and asked 5 programs to check the accuracy of the data. Plus, we have already asked Institutional Planning and Research staff to do a similar review of these datasets. It is possible that the NRC will have the website for data submission available to institutions within the next few weeks.

Faculty and student questionnaires will be sent out by the NRC shortly after receiving faculty and student names and addresses from us. Thus, I recommend that program contacts set up meetings with their faculty and students, if applicable, to review the questionnaires and answer their questions.

The NRC expects institutions to submit all completed questionnaires by December 15, 2006.