

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 1998
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Dr. Patricia Ashton, Dr. Barbara Barletta, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Thomas Gallant (substitute), Dr. Pauline Lawrence, Dr. Frank Nordlie, Dr. Ann Progulske-Fox, Mr. Clay Scherer, Dr. Richard Yost

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Karen Holbrook, Dr. William Chamberlin, Dr. Christine Chase, Dr. Michael Perfit, Dr. Hugh Popenoe

GCAC REPRESENTATIVE: Dr. Douglas Dankel

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Jerry Nielson, Dr. M. Jo Hasell

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Richard Lutz, Ms. Helen Martin, Ms. Phyl Schmidt, Ms. Julie Shih, Ms. Linda Vivian

STAFF ABSENT: Ms. Bernice Thornton, Ms. Dorothy Long, Mr. Bob Woods

The Graduate Council meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Dr. Richard Lutz.

I. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The minutes of the Graduate Council meeting of February 19, 1998, were approved with a correction to the attendance. Dr. Douglas Dankel was present and Dr. Pauline Lawrence was absent.
2. Dr. Jerry Nielson and Dr. M. Jo Hasell presented a proposal for a Master of Interior Design degree program in the College of Architecture. Three major areas of emphasis are: interior design research specialty, interior design specialization, and facilities management. This graduate program has been designed to prepare advanced students to conduct research and expand the discipline's body of knowledge as professionals, researchers and/or educators.

To be admitted, an applicant must have a bachelor's degree in interior design from a FIDER accredited program (preferred), professional practice experience (preferred), GRE

minimum score of 1000 , and a grade point minimum average of 3.0. Students without an undergraduate degree in interior design or a related area but complete prerequisite work, which can be normally accomplished in two to four semesters of full-time study.

Completion of the required 36 credits for the degree is expected to be accomplished in two years of full-time study. With approval by the graduate coordinator and major faculty advisor, a student will complete 24 credits of course work in the Department of Interior Design. In addition, students are required to take 6 credits of course work in statistics appropriate to their research interest. An additional 6 credits of interdisciplinary electives that reinforce that area of specialization may be selected with the graduate coordinator's approval. The main requirement of the degree is the completion of an approved research topic with a written thesis or a specialized design project with a research component.

Due to generous alumni donations, the program is technologically equipped. Funding can be released from equipment purchases to fund graduate assistants. The program is fully funded for the first two years, with the expectation to raise additional monies through industry research grants and other fund-raising efforts to augment future allocations. A minimum of nine students is expected to be admitted to the program for the first year. Efforts will be made to actively recruit applicants from key institutions in the discipline and minority candidates. *The motion to approve the program proposal was approved unanimously by the Council.*

3. The nominating committee presented a slate of nominees for the Graduate Council, 1998-2001. The four council members whose terms end this year are from Chemistry, Education, Entomology and Nematology, and Journalism and Communications. In considering replacements, the committee nominated faculty from departments that had not been represented on the Council for some time.

The following faculty have agree to be nominated for the 3-year term beginning Fall 1998:

Carol Reed Ash, Kirbo	Eminent Scholar, Nursing
Bertha Cato	Associate Professor of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism
Henry Gholz	Professor, School of Forest Resources and Conservation
Ben Nelms	Professor of Instruction and Curriculum
David Ostroff	Professor of Telecommunication
Jerry Stimac	Professor of Entomology and Nematology
Susan Tate	Professor of Interior Design
Carol West	Professor and Chair, Department of Economics

The slate of nominees was approved unanimously by the Council. It was recommended that the agenda item for nominations be moved to January instead of February because of the interference to the proceedings caused by spring break.

4. The Council discussed a modification of the Period of Concentrated Study requirement for doctoral students. According to the present requirement, students must, beyond the first 30 hours counted toward the doctoral program, register for 30 semester hours in one calendar year or 32 semester hours in no more than four semesters within a period of two calendar years on the University of Florida campus.

This requirement can be an impediment to students who may be employed or whose personal situation may not allow them to enroll as full-time students. The issue of full-time enrollment, continuous enrollment, and residence on the University campus must be examined in the context of other time-based requirements and the changing role and implementation of graduate education.

The Council recommended that a proposal with several options be submitted first to the Graduate Deans for comment, and that the results be considered at a future Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

3. Slate of nominees presented.

4. Modification of Period of Concentrated Study requirement.