

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 19, 1998
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. M. Jack Ohanian, Chair, Dr. Barbara Barletta, Dr. Christine Chase, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Steve Dorman, Dr. Frederick Gregory, Dr. Pushpa Kalra, Dr. Hugh Popenoe, Dr. Ann Progulske-Fox, Dr. Jerry Stimac, Ms. Trish Ventura

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Carol Reed Ash, Dr. Frank Nordlie, Dr. Michael Perfit

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Steve Anderson, Dr. Chris Batich, Dr. James Booth, Dr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Lynn Frazer, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, Dr. John Henretta, Dr. Abe Goldman, Dr. Terry McCoy, Dr. Bill Millard, Dr. Jim Simpkins, Dr. Laszlo Prokai, Dr. Lewis Sussman, Dr. Dennis Wackerly, Dr. Peter Waylen, Mr. Wes Wilson

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

STAFF ABSENT: Ms. Dorothy Long

The Graduate Council meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Dr. M. Jack Ohanian.

I. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The minutes of the Graduate Council meeting of October 15, 1998, were approved as written.
2. Dr. James Booth and Dr. Dennis Wackerly presented a proposal to establish a combined bachelor's/master's program in statistics. Patterned after the math program, students must complete 24 credits before being accepted into the program as of the junior year and 15 credits will be double counted toward both degrees. With only 40 students in the undergraduate program, it is expected that about two will be admitted annually. Because of the early applicant review, the SAT will be used as the initial screening tool to identify qualified students. However, admission will take place during the senior year after the GRE has been taken. *The proposal was approved unanimately.*
3. A proposal was presented by Dr. Chris Batich from the Department of Materials Science and Engineering for a combined bachelor's/master's degree program in

materials science & engineering/biomedical engineering. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously.*

4. Dr. John Henretta presented a proposal from the Department of Sociology for a combined bachelor's/master's program. Modeled on the combined program in history, 12 credits would be double-counted and admission would take place during the fall of the senior year. *The proposal was approved unanimously.*
5. Dr. Steve Anderson and Dr. Lynn Frazer presented a proposal from the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism for an accelerated bachelor's/master's program. Admission requirements used the UF minima of 3.0 GPA and 1000 GRE combined score, although it is expected that the requirements will increase with a competitive applicant pool.

Council members expressed concern that the admissions criteria for an accelerated program should reflect a high level of performance as appropriate for a de facto honors program; students should be required to demonstrate higher standards of work to warrant an accelerated pace.

The Council asked that the GPA/GRE requirements be raised to 3.2 and 1100. *The proposal was amended to reflect this revision and approved unanimously.*

6. Dr. Steve Dorman presented a proposal for a combined BS/MHSE program in health science education. Students would be admitted in their senior year with at least a 3.2 GPA and 1000 GRE combined score. Up to twelve credits may be double-counted, which tend to be internship hours. The proposal was voluntarily amended to require a minimum 1100 GRE combined score. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously.*
7. Representing the Center for Latin American Studies and the College of Law, Dr. Terry McCoy presented a proposal for a joint JD/MA degree to address increasing academic and professional interest in this area of study. Twelve credits would be double-counted, and all requirements for both programs must be fulfilled for the joint degree to be awarded. *The proposal was approved unanimously.*
8. Dr. Bill Millard, Dr. Jim Simpkins, and Dr. Laszlo Prokai presented a proposal to formalize Council approval for the pharmacy (pharmaceutics) specialization within pharmaceutical sciences. Although not required since the pharmacy specialization had been approved many years ago, the College of Pharmacy requests to have on record Graduate Council review and approval.

The Council requested that the admissions criteria clarify the GRE requirement to expressly indicate a minimum score of 1000. *The proposal was approved unanimously with this revision.*

9. Dr. Lewis Sussman presented a proposal for a Master of Latin degree from the Department of Classics. This nonthesis degree would allow certified high school Latin teachers to complete this terminal master's degree with a schedule designed for

the working professional. The University of Michigan offers a comparable program, intended as a terminal master's degree. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously.*

10. A proposal from the Department of Geography was presented by Dr. Abe Goldman and Dr. Peter Waylen for a concentration in geographic technologies. The demand from industry for technical skills initiated the establishment of a concentration to address this need.

Concern was expressed that the program contained course duplication. *The Council requested that the department coordinate with other cognizant departments and resubmit the proposal at a future meeting.* The Graduate School will provide a memo to the department identifying the appropriate departments.

11. Dr. Richard Lutz presented a proposal on behalf of the College of Business Administration for a new concentration in international business in the existing MA degree program. Industry is interested in hiring graduates with some global experience. This 10-month program is interdisciplinary within the college and includes an international field trip. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously.*
12. Dr. Stephanie Hanson and Dr. Paul Duncan resubmitted their proposal to modify the GRE admissions requirement for the AuD and EMHA programs by substituting a portfolio review as an alternate. Applicants to the AuD program are nationally licensed working professionals with a proven track record and previously earned master's degree. Applicants to the EMHA program are also working professionals with substantial professional experience.

Council members reiterated their concern that this would set a precedent for waiving the GRE requirement for other programs, such as education, that are also comprised of working professionals who do not fit the traditional applicant profile. The proposal was modified to require that students submit a GRE score or submit a signed form certifying that the GRE was previously taken and filed in the student's record. *The Council unanimously approved the modified proposal.*

13. Due to time constraints, agenda item 13 on correspondence courses as transfer credit was tabled until the next meeting.

II. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Referenced was Enclosure 15, the review of Fall 1998 graduate admissions statistics.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.