

MINUTES  
GRADUATE COUNCIL  
JANUARY 21, 1999  
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Richard Lutz, Acting Chair, Dr. Carol Reed Ash, Dr. Barbara Barletta, Dr. Steve Dorman, Dr. Frederick Gregory, Dr. Pushpa Kalra, Dr. Frank Nordlie, Dr. Michael Perfit, Dr. Ann Progulsk-Fox, Dr. Jerry Stimac, Ms. Trish Ventura

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jack Ohanian, Chair, Dr. Christine Chase, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Hugh Popenoe

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Jeff Bauer, Dr. Chris Johnson, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, Dr. Faith Meakin, Dr. Mary Beth Horodyski, Dr. Mary Grace Kantowski, Dr. Robert Singer, Dr. Sue Whiddon, Mr. Wes Wilson

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

The Graduate Council meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Dr. Richard Lutz who introduced all guests present.

I. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The minutes of the Graduate Council meeting of December 17, 1998, were approved as written.
2. Dr. Stephanie Hanson from the College of Health Professions presented the proposal requesting a Master of Health Science degree in health informatics. It was clarified that the proposed supervisory committee format is in compliance with Graduate School policy. Health Professions may decide to include in its curriculum the distance-learning biostatistics course from USF; it is currently offered at a Gainesville location and is consistent with BOR policy. UF biostatistics is in the Department of Statistics and has two prerequisites, while the course offered by USF has only one. The program will not be launched unless new faculty lines are funded. *The Graduate Council unanimously approved the proposal.*
3. Dr. Robert Singer presented the series of seven new concentrations in the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences. The implementation of these new concentrations will allow them to attract better students and will also be helpful in readying students for employment. All new concentrations requested are consistent with those taught at other major universities. *The Graduate Council unanimously approved all seven concentrations (listed below) with the stipulation that all require a minimum TOEFL of 550 (213 on the computer-based*

test).

- *Master of Science in Exercise and Sport Sciences with concentration in Biomechanics.*
- *Master of Science in Exercise and Sport Sciences with concentration in Motor Learning/Control*
- *Master of Science in Exercise and Sport Sciences with concentration in Sport and Exercise Psychology*
- *Ph.D. in Health and Human Performance with concentration in Athletic Training/Sport Medicine*
- *Ph.D. in Health and Human Performance with concentration in Biomechanics*
- *Ph.D. in Health and Human Performance with concentration in Motor Learning/Control*
- *Ph.D. in Health and Human Performance with concentration in Sport and Exercise Psychology*

4. Dr. Mary Grace Kantowski presented the proposal from the College of Education for a revision of the M.Ed. requirements. *The Graduate Council unanimously approved the proposal with one amendment: A minimum of 36 credits is required in all master's programs with at least half of these credits earned in courses in the College of Education. A maximum of one 4000-level course may be counted toward the minimum requirement if the course is taken outside of Education and has prior approval of the department, dean, and the Graduate School. (See also general requirements for Master's Degrees.)*@
5. Dr. Lutz presented the request for a change in the policy regarding transfer of course credit.

Old Policy - No more than 30 hours of a master's degree from another institution will be transferred to a doctoral program. If a student holds a master's degree in a discipline different from the doctoral program, the master's work will not be counted in the program unless the department petitions the Dean of the Graduate School. All courses beyond the master's degree taken at another university, to be applied to the Ph.D. degree, must be taken at an institution offering the doctoral degree and must be approved for graduate credit by the Graduate School of the University of Florida. The student's supervisory committee has the responsibility for recommending individual courses of study for each doctoral student.

New Policy - No more than 30 hours of a master's degree from another institution will be transferred to a doctoral program. If a student holds a master's degree in a discipline different from the doctoral program, the master's work will not be counted in the program unless the department petitions the Dean of the Graduate School. All courses beyond the master's degree taken at another university, to be applied to the Ph.D. degree, must be taken at an institution offering the doctoral degree and must be approved for graduate credit by the Graduate School of the University of Florida. *All courses to be transferred must be letter graded with a grade of B or better, and must be demonstrated to relate directly to the Ph.D. degree being sought. All such transfer requests must be made by petition of the supervisory committee. The total number of credits (including 30 for a prior master's degree) that may be transferred cannot exceed 45, and in all cases the student must complete the qualifying examination at the University of Florida. In addition, any prior graduate-level credits*

*earned at the University of Florida (e.g., a master's degree in the same or a different discipline) may be transferred into the doctoral program at the discretion of the supervisory committee and by petition to the Graduate School. In such cases, it is essential that the petition demonstrate the relevance of the prior course work to the degree presently being sought.*

As an addendum to the preceding policy, Dr. Lutz also proposed that the number of credits be changed from 8 to 9 for graduate students transferring credit into a University of Florida master's program from a master's program at another institution. *The Graduate Council unanimously approved both proposals.*

6. Dr. Lutz asked that the outgoing members (Dr. Barbara Barletta, Dr. Christine Chase, Dr. Joseph Delfino and Dr. Ann Progulske-Fox) serve as the nominating committee for the Graduate Council election. The committee will develop a slate of no fewer than six candidates to be submitted to the Council at its March meeting to be considered for election to the Graduate Council for 1999-2002.
7. The Council briefly discussed the upcoming Vice President/Dean search process and agreed to pose the question in advance to the candidates: "What is your philosophy regarding research and graduate education and the interface of the two?"

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.