

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 14, 1999
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Jack Ohanian, Chair, Dr. Carol Reed Ash, Dr. Barbara Barletta, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Steve Dorman, Dr. Frederick Gregory, Dr. Pushpa Kalra, Dr. Frank Nordlie, Dr. Hugh Popenoe, Dr. Jerry Stimac, Ms. Trish Ventura

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Christine Chase, Dr. Michael Perfit, Dr. Ann Progulske-Fox

GUESTS PRESENT: 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

The Graduate Council meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. Jack Ohanian.

I. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The minutes of the Graduate Council meeting of March 18, 1999, were approved with two corrections to the format.
2. Dr. Patrick Bird presented a proposal from the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism to convert two PhD specializations in therapeutic recreation and tourism and natural resource recreation to three concentrations in natural resource recreation, tourism, and therapeutic recreation. The supervisory committee may approve a departmental interdisciplinary minor. The Council noted that it is not possible for students to fulfill the concentration credit requirement unless the maximum number of variable credits is taken. In addition, no prerequisites were indicated in the course listing. The Council recommended that the variable number of credits be changed and that prerequisites be included on the course listing. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously with these amendments, effective Summer 1999.*
3. Dr. William Chen presented a proposal from the Department of Health Science Education for a concentration in health behavior. Demand has increased for qualified professionals to provide health information to the public and other health educators about communicable diseases. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously, effective Summer 1999.*
4. Dr. Rachel Shireman from the College of Agriculture presented a proposal to revise the wording for nonthesis examination requirements on the "Report of Examination" form and in the *Graduate Catalog*. Although many departments require both oral and written examinations, many departments prefer an oral or written examination only. *The Council approved the request unanimously to change the Graduate Catalog to read, "The student who elects the nonthesis option must pass a comprehensive written and/or oral examination in the major field of study..." and to reflect this change on the form.*

5. Dr. Lutz presented a proposal regarding the inclusion in the *Graduate Catalog* of courses not taught within the five-year limit as prescribed by the Board of Regents, resulting from a meeting with the Registrar. Concern had been expressed by the Council that the Catalog should reflect active course offerings. The proposal would eliminate a course not taught for five years from the Graduate Catalog with notification given to the department. The inactive course would be retained in the curriculum inventory and could be reactivated within another five years by submitting a UCC1 form to the Graduate School. After five years inactive, the course would be automatically deleted and the department notified. New documentation would be required to reactivate a course removed from the curriculum inventory. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously.*

6. At the request of the Council, Dr. Lutz presented clarification from Dr. Giacomo Oliva regarding compositional dissertations for the PhD degree in music. Although the dissertation is a creative work, monograph length prose will be of an adequate scholarly content to reflect the research. Dissertations submitted from students in this interdisciplinary program will contain even more prose to incorporate the additional research. *The Council requested further information with a written explanation containing a peer comparison to document the minimum standards for the non-compositional aspects of the dissertation.*

II. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Dr. Lutz referenced administrative approval for a combined bachelor's/master's degree program in animal sciences and the joint MBA/JD degree for "three-term" MBA students.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.