

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
May 18, 2000
1:30 P.M.

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Acting Chair, Dr. Gijs Bosman, Dr. Steve Dorman, Dr. Pushpa Kalra, Dr. Bob Kennedy, Dr. Frank Nordlie, Mr. Wes Wilson
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Winfred Phillips, Chair, Dr. Carol Reed Ash, Dr. Dawn Bowers, Dr. Frederick Gregory, Dr. Michael Perfit, Dr. Jill Peterson, Dr. Hugh Popenoe, Dr. Jerry Stimac
- GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Claudette Finley, Dr. Carol Murphy, Ms. Barbara Talmadge, Dr. Henri Van Rinsvelt, Dr. Joseph Wilson
- STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Dovie Gamble, Ms. Linda Vivian, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Helen Martin, Ms. Julie Shih, Ms. Lorna Dishman

Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

The retiring members of the Graduate Council, Dr. Frederick Gregory, Dr. Frank Nordlie, Dr. Michael Perfit, and Dr. Hugh Popenoe, were thanked for their service. Dr. Lauren Chapman, Associate Professor of Zoology and Dr. Henri Van Rinsvelt, Professor of Physics were introduced as newly elected members. The Provost has appointed Dr. William Calin and Dr. Stephen Pearton and the Graduate Student Council alternate representative will be Ms. Jaimee Perez. Barbara Talmadge, University Registrar was welcomed as a permanent guest.

II. ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the April 18, 2000, Graduate Council meeting were approved as written.
2. Dr. Carol Murphy and Dr. Joseph Wilson presented a proposal from the Department of Computer Information Sciences and Engineering to change the name of the M.S. program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from Computer and Information Sciences to Computer Science. This change is being made at the undergraduate level and the proposed name change provides consistency at the graduate level. Additionally, the change is to avoid confusion between other degree programs and to use a name that is commonly used nationally. The change was recommended by a BOR program review in 1992. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously.*

3. Dr. Claudia Findley from the Department of Physical Therapy presented a proposal to modify their program requirements. The request is to change 36 graduate credit hours in the Master of Physical Therapy program to 36 hours, 30 of which are graduate level and 6 of which are 3000 level or above, outside of the department. When the program was first approved, current policy stipulated that only graduate credits could count toward a graduate degree. Since that time, the policy has been modified to allow for 6 credits of undergraduate work at the 3000 level or above outside the major department to count toward the graduate degree. The department would like to offer that flexibility to their students. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously.*

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

The Graduate School regularly receives petitions and spends resources monitoring and requiring minimum and final term registration requirements. According to Graduate Council policy, students (not on appointment) must be registered for 3 credits fall/spring and 2 credits summer if they enroll. Students must be enrolled for the terms of the qualifying examination, final examination, thesis or dissertation defense, and for the final term in credits that count toward the degree. In this era of variable and 2-credit courses, should minimum registration be defined as 1 credit. The Graduate School solicited recommendations from the Graduate Council. Although there was not support for eliminating the current registration requirements, the Council did authorize the Graduate School some discretion to approve a reduced registration in special circumstances.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.