

MINUTES  
GRADUATE COUNCIL  
May 17, 2001  
1:30 p.m.

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Dr. Carol Reed Ash, Dr. Gijs Bosman, Dr. Dawn Bowers, Dr. Pushpa Kalra, Dr. Jerry Stimac, Dr. Henri Van Rinsvelt
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Winfred Phillips, Chair, Dr. William Calin, Dr. Lauren Chapman, Ms. Raina Joines, Dr. Bob Kennedy, Dr. Stephen Pearton, Dr. Jill Peterson,
- GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Jo Hasell, Dr. Mike Ryngaert, Ms. Jaimee Perez, Mr. Steve Pritz
- STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Linda Vivian, Mr. Gary Hartge, Ms. Helen Martin

Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the May 2, 2001 Graduate Council meeting, rescheduled from April 19, were unanimously approved as written.
2. Dr. Jo Hasell from the College of Design, Construction, and Planning presented a proposal to adjust the major title of the Ph.D. degree from architecture to design, construction, and planning. The Ph.D. in architecture correlated to the college name even though it encompassed the disciplines of architecture, building construction, interior design, and urban and regional planning. Now that the college has been renamed, the major title should also change to more accurately reflect the multi-disciplinary nature of the doctoral degree program. The School of Architecture actually awards the smallest number of Ph.D. degrees so retaining the existing title carries a connotation that may not accurately reflect the major work. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously.*
3. Dr. Mike Ryngaert from the Department of Finance presented a proposal for a one-year nonthesis option in the Master of Science in Business Administration-Finance degree program. This is a modification in format from the existing program to condense the time needed to complete the 32 credits. The M.S. degree program is designed for students who do not have the minimum two years of work experience required for admission to the MBA program. Council members asked for the rationale for the M.S. versus the M.A. degree and requested clarification of the differences. The program of study indicated use of a capstone course which does not meet the requirement for a M.S. or

M.A. nonthesis degree. The Council requested specification of the comprehensive final examination as a requirement for the nonthesis degree. *The Council tabled this proposal until the rationale for the M.S. degree and specification of the comprehensive final examination are provided in a revision.*

4. A request was presented from Judith C. Traveis, an academic advisor (faculty) from the College of Health and Human Performance to pursue a Ph.D. in higher education administration in the College of Education. The degree will be taken in the Department of Educational Leadership, Policy and Foundations and the students being advised by Ms. Traveis are in exercise and sport science, health science education, and recreation. Further, her classes are scheduled in the evening, which will not interfere with her work responsibilities. *The Council approved the request unanimously.*

## **II. INFORMATION ITEM**

The Graduate School administratively approved the proposal by the College of Natural Resources and Environment to increase the number of semester hours of graduate courses that may be dual counted in the combination bachelor's/master's degree program in Interdisciplinary Ecology from 8 to 9 credits.

The retiring member of the Graduate Council, Dr. Carol Reed-Ash, Pushpa Kalra, Dr. Jerry Stimac, and Ms. Raina Joines were thanked for their service.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.