

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
December 13, 2001
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Acting Chair, Dr. James Algina, Dr. Gijs Bosman, Dr. Dawn Bowers, Dr. William Calin, Dr. Lauren Chapman, Dr. Richard Condit, Dr. James Jones, Ms. Jaimee Perez, Dr. Jill Peterson, Dr. Henri Van Rinsvelt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Winfred Phillips, Chair, Dr. Kirk Hatfield, Dr. Marjorie Hoy, Dr. Bob Kennedy, Dr. Stephen Pearton

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Robert Frank, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, Dr. William Mann, Mr. Vilmos Misangyi, Mr. Steve Pritz, Dr. Bill Riffie, Mr. Jason Rogero, Dr. Kay Walker, Dr. Henry Tosi

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Dovie Gamble, Ms. Linda Vivian, Ms. Gann Enholm, Mr. Gary Hartge, Ms. Helen Martin

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

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the November 15, 2001, Graduate Council meeting were approved as written.
2. Dr. William Riffie, Associate Provost for Distance, Continuing and Executive Education provided an overview of the university's philosophy regarding distance -learning programs. Offering programs through distance learning provides students with the ability to pursue educational opportunities that would not be possible otherwise due to geographical constraints and other obligations. The university objective is to provide complete programs rather than isolated courses in a fiscally responsible way while maintaining quality both in delivery formats and academic content. Dr. Riffie's office acts as the staff following the appropriate program approval process to ensure that each program is viable and remains viable. This is done by reviewing the program proposal, doing a vendor market analysis to determine a population of likely students, and a performance budget.
3. Dr. Robert Frank, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, Dr. William Mann, Dr. Kay Walker, and Mr. Jason Rogero from the College of Health Professions demonstrated the distance learning delivery format for the Master of Health Science degree in the Department of Occupational Therapy. The Council tabled the proposal at the November meeting and requested additional information about department/college resources, system for quality control, a plan for proctoring examinations, and a demonstration of the first course.

To address these concerns, the department will provide students with a roster of approved commercial testing sites that will proctor examinations, including the comprehensive final examination. One course will be offered per term in rotation for all cohorts until the sixth term when the capstone course will also be offered to those students in their final term. At

the present time, one course is fully developed and the second course is about one-third completed.

After viewing the course demonstration and considering the modifications, the Council approved the distance-learning format for the MHS degree unanimously.

4. Mr. Vilmos Misangyi and Dr. Henry Tosi from the Department of Management requested approval for Mr. Misangyi to pursue a graduate degree while being appointed as a faculty member holding a non-tenure-accruing position in the same department. Mr. Misangyi, a doctoral candidate, had been on an assistantship through the Summer 2001 term. He was appointed to the faculty position for Fall 2001, the term he defended his dissertation. *The Council voted approved the request unanimously.*

II. INFORMATION ITEM

1. The Graduate School administratively approved the request for Frederick Smith, a faculty member in the Honors program to pursue a graduate degree in anthropology. Mr. Smith is on the graduation list for Fall 2001.
2. The Graduate School administratively approved a joint JD/MS or PhD in interdisciplinary ecology degree program.
3. The Graduate School administratively approved a joint JD/MS in Business Administration-Decision and Information Sciences degree program.
4. Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt from the Graduate School updated the Council on the proposal to modify the UF Constitution by the Faculty Senate. No action has been taken at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.