

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
March 21, 2002
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Winfred Phillips, Chair, Dr. Dawn Bowers,
Dr. Lauren Chapman, Dr. Richard Condit, Dr. Kirk
Hatfield, Dr. Marjorie Hoy, Dr. James Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. James Algina, Dr. Gijs Bosman, Dr. William Calin,
Dr. Bob Kennedy, Dr. Stephen Pearton, Ms. Jaimee
Perez, Dr. Jill Peterson, Dr. Henri Van Rinsvelt

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Mang Tia, Dr. Jane Luzar, Dr. Mickie Swisher, Mr.
David Hudson, Dr. Bart Weitz, Ms. Betsy Trobaugh,
Mr. Chris Sessums, Mr. Michael Friel

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Dr. Dovie Gamble, Ms. Lorna
Dishman, Ms. Gann Enholm, Mr. Gary Hartge, Ms.
Helen Martin

Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Cochair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the January 17, 2002, Graduate Council meeting were approved with one exception to revise Action Item 2 to include a sentence noting that the proposal was approved.
2. Dr. Mang Tia from the College of Engineering presented a proposal to allow a full-time student in the College of Engineering to serve as faculty in the Department of Civil and Coastal Engineering. The position was recently vacated and needs to be filled. The department needs a non-tenure accruing research faculty to be Co-PI on research projects, develop databases, perform analysis, and write reports associated with these projects. This student is very qualified and well suited for this position.

The student is not teaching or supervising students; however, while the supervisor for the student is not the chair of his dissertation committee, he is on the supervisory committee. The council was not comfortable with this. They would like the student to pursue a non-faculty research position with appropriate salary and complete his degree before pursuing a faculty position.

The proposal was denied with the option it may be resubmitted if the department has difficulties fulfilling the council's requests.

3. Drs. Jane Luzar and Mickie Swisher from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences presented a proposal for a degree name change for their nonthesis degree from a Master of Agriculture degree in family, youth and community sciences to a Master of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences degree.

The proposal was approved effective Spring 2002.

4. Mr. David Hudson from the College of Law presented a proposal for a reduction in credits for the LL.M. in Comparative Law degree. They proposed to reduce the number of credits

required from 30 to 26 to be more competitive with other law schools that have similar programs. This program is designed for students who are graduates of law schools in foreign countries who want to enhance their understanding of the American legal system.

The proposal was approved effective Summer 2003.

5. Dr. Bart Weitz and Ms. Betsy Trobaugh from the College of Business presented a proposal for a Master of Science degree in business administration—retailing. The council discussed the proposal informally as this proposal was suppose to be submitted at the April council meeting; therefore, the subcommittee assigned to the proposal was not prepared.

Council expressed their concerns about the comprehensive exam and number of faculty on the supervisory committee compared to the number of students.

The proposal was tabled until the April 18th council meeting to allow the subcommittee to comment.

6. The Graduate Council approved six of the seven nominees to be placed on the Graduate Council ballot. Graduate faculty will vote, and the selection will be announced in May.
7. The Graduate School presented a proposal for a revision of the transfer of credit.

The proposal was tabled to allow more time for the council members to review and will be placed on a future agenda.

II. INFORMATION ITEM

The joint JD/Master of Science degree in business administration—finance was administratively approved by the Graduate School and forwarded to the University Curriculum Committee as an action item for the professional degree component. It will be effective Spring 2002.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

Mr. Michael Friel from the College of Law discussed the Doctor of Juridical Science degree and its relation to the Graduate School. The degree was informally discussed with the Graduate School, but was not submitted to the Graduate Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.