

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 23, 2002
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Acting Chair, Dr. James Algina, Dr. Gijs Bosman, Dr. Lauren Chapman, Dr. Richard Condit, Dr. Kirk Hatfield, Dr. Marjorie Hoy, Dr. Bob Kennedy, Ms. Jaimee Perez, Dr. Jill Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Winfred Phillips, Chair, Dr. Dawn Bowers, Dr. William Calin, Dr. James Jones, Dr. Stephen Pearton, Dr. Henri Van Rinsvelt

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Myrna Courage, Dr. Marianne Schmink, Mr. Chris Sessums, Dr. Betsy Trobaugh, Dr. Bart Weitz, Dr. Carolyn Yucha

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

Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 p.m. The meeting was rescheduled from April 18 due to the unavailability of the chair and acting chair on that date.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the March 21, 2002, Graduate Council meeting were approved with a typographical correction.
2. Dr. Bart Weitz and Ms. Betsy Trobaugh from the College of Business addressed the concerns raised by the Council at the last meeting for a new concentration in retailing for the Master of Science degree in business administration. A revised proposal was submitted to designate three faculty members that may serve as the advisor and to specify the procedures for the comprehensive examination to be administered by faculty proctors. The retailing concentration would be an off-book distance education program that is expected to serve about 25 students per year. It has not been determined how often students would come to the University of Florida campus. There are currently 14 faculty in the department with no plans to hire additional faculty. *The Council approved the proposal in a 9-1 vote. Effective, Spring 2002.*
3. Dr. Myrna Courage and Dr. Carolyn Yucha from the College of Nursing presented a proposal for a cooperative doctoral degree program with FAMU, FSU, UNF, and UWF. The distance learning program is designed to incorporate students from other state institutions that currently do not offer the PhD in nursing. This would allow other institutions to participate in doctoral education at UF without program duplication. All students complete 30 UF credits in an interactive video classroom with other nursing students taught by UF faculty. Eighteen credits, earned at the other institutions as an area of specialization would exceed the current transfer of credit policy. Dr. Richard Condit,

Council subcommittee member, reviewed this program and provided comments. Although this will require more supervisory committee chairs to accommodate the increase in students, new faculty are being hired. *The Council approved the proposal with 9 for and 1 abstention. Effective, upon approval of the Board of Trustees.*

4. Dr. Marianne Schmink presented a proposal for an interdisciplinary concentration and graduate certificate in Tropical Conservation and Development. Housed in the Center for Latin American Studies, the TCD program proposes to train students for careers in research and applied conservation methods. Faculty from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Natural Resource and Environment, and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences would participate as TCD affiliate faculty. Questions were raised about duplication with the Center for Tropical Agriculture within IFAS. Dr. Schmink indicated her interest in collaborating with IFAS, but the endorsement of the college dean was already included with the proposal. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously. Effective, Spring 2002.*
5. Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt from the Graduate School presented a proposal on behalf of Dr. Joseph Katz, associate professor and head of division of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the College of Dentistry. Dr. Katz requested approval to pursue a Master of Education degree and waive the GRE admissions requirement. According to current policy, faculty may not pursue a graduate degree without prior Council approval and the GRE may only be waived for applicants in certain performance areas and with a prior graduate or professional degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution. Dr. Katz graduated with his DMD from an international institution. Some Council members expressed concern about the necessity of obtaining a credential in order to fulfill the stated desire to augment his professional skills as a teacher rather than auditing a few courses or enrolling as a nondegree student. Additionally, requesting the test waiver raised some questions regarding the scope of the proposal. *The Council approved the proposal to pursue the degree in a 9-1 vote and approved the GRE waiver in an 8-2 vote. Further, the Council requested that the policy regarding faculty pursuing graduate degrees be discussed at a future meeting.*

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt from the Graduate School provided a summary of the changes to the analytical portion of the GRE that will commence in July 2002. The revised test will require essays. The aim is to provide a more reliable and valid measure of critical thinking and writing ability. Departments will be able to view the actual essays later this year.
2. The Council requested that the transfer of credit policy be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.