

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Acting Chair, Dr. Jeffrey Adler, Dr. James Algina, Dr. Russell Bauer, Dr. William Calin, Dr. Lauren Chapman, Dr. Richard Condit, Mr. Jason Gainous, Dr. Marjorie Hoy, Dr. James Jones, Dr. Christiana Leonard, Dr. Richard Romano, Dr. Henri Van Rinsvelt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Winfred Phillips, Chair, Dr. Stephen Pearton, Dr. Jose Principe

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. Ananthakrishna Babu, Mr. Frank Goeddeke, Dr. Lon Lanza-Kaduce, Dr. Alex Piquero, Mr. Steve Pritz

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Linda Vivian, Mr. Gary Hartge, Ms. Helen Martin, Ms. Lorna Dishman

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

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the October 17, 2002, Graduate Council meeting were approved unanimously with a typographical correction.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Dr. Lon Lanza-Kaduce and Dr. Alex Piquero from the Center for Studies in Criminology and Law presented a proposal for new MA (thesis and nonthesis) and PhD degrees. The Center has been established and will function as a department, with faculty tenure and budgetary authority. Previously, criminology had been a specialization in sociology. However, this research field has become increasingly prominent in its own right, prompting the reorganization while retaining close ties to time-honored disciplines. There is sufficient strength in the Center's faculty, research activities, and productivity to sustain these new degrees. These degrees are not intended for practitioners but to advance interdisciplinary research into understanding individual and group behavior, social reaction, and policy. In addition to the core courses, students pursuing the new degrees would specialize in 1) crime and justice or 2) law and society. The Center expects 10-12 new students for the first year. The Council questioned the lack of any reference to the comprehensive examination required of master's students and recommended that a statement about the exam be included in the proposal. *The Council approved the proposal for both degree programs unanimously with the requirement for a comprehensive examination, effective, Fall 2003.*
2. Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt from the Graduate School presented a proposal to streamline the approval process to establish combined bachelor's/master's degree programs. Currently, a proposal for a new combined degree program is prepared by the department/college and forwarded to the Graduate School. A template to help with this process is available online.

Since 1998, the Graduate Council delegated authority to the Graduate School to administratively approve a proposal if it follows the prescribed template. The Graduate Council only considers programs that are requesting different requirements. After the graduate portion is approved, the University Curriculum Committee approves the undergraduate portion. The proposal is requesting that departments following the template may establish combined programs without Graduate School approval. Departments offering the combined program would indicate participation by including a statement in the Field of Instruction portion of the Graduate Catalog.

Some Council members questioned the current admissions requirements in the template if the program is intended for exceptional students. The Graduate School was asked for data showing upper-division undergraduates with a GPA of 3.2 or higher, current graduate students with an undergraduate GPA of 3.2 and 1100 GRE, and a report of the admissions criteria for peer institutions with combination bachelor's/master's programs. *The Council approved the proposal for a streamlined approval process with a vote of 7 to 1, and requested that the admissions standards for the combined program be on the agenda for the next meeting.*

3. Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt from the Graduate School presented a proposal to streamline the approval process to establish the joint degree programs. Since 1998, the Graduate Council delegated authority to the Graduate School to administratively approve a proposal if it follows the prescribed template. The Graduate Council only considers programs that are requesting different requirements. After the graduate portion is approved, the University Curriculum Committee approves the professional portion. The proposal is requesting that departments following the template may establish combined programs without Graduate School approval. Departments offering the joint program would indicate participation by including a statement in the Field of Instruction portion of the Graduate Catalog. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously.*
4. The discussion item on full-time enrollment was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.