

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 17, 2003
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. James Algina, Dr. Russell Bauer, Dr. Lauren Chapman, Dr. Richard Condit, Dr. Marjorie Hoy, Dr. James Jones, Dr. Christiana Leonard, Dr. Jose Principe, Dr. Richard Romano, Dr. Henri Van Rinsvelt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Winfred Phillips, Chair, Dr. Jeffrey Adler, Dr. William Calin, Mr. Jason Gainous, Dr. Stephen Pearton

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Robert Frank, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, Ms. Corrine Willits

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Ms. Linda Vivian, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Helen Martin, Ms. Lorna Dishman

Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Retiring Council members William Calin, Lauren Chapman, Stephen Pearton, Henri Van Rinsvelt, and Jason Gainous were thanked for their service.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the February 20, 2003, Graduate Council meeting were approved with a change to the section regarding the College of Dentistry proposal. The language was revised to read, "Council members recommended that the project be comparable to the written thesis in reflecting the integration of research, knowledge, and practice."
2. Dr. Robert Frank and Dr. Stephanie Hanson from the College of Health Professions presented a proposal to increase the number of credits required to obtain the Master of Public Health from the current 36 credits to 48 credits. Three colleges have administered the interdisciplinary program cooperatively: Health Professions, Medicine, and Health and Human Performance. Currently, the administrative function is being transitioned to the College of Health Professions with a request to the provost for the establishment of a School of Public Health.

The rationale for increasing the requirements is to be eligible for program accreditation in 2007. Forty-eight credits is the minimum required. The basic structure of the MPH would remain in place while the number of courses in the specialty area would increase and the capstone course credits would be consistent across all specializations. Three areas of specialization are currently being offered in community health education, health policy and management, and epidemiology. Two others areas would be added in environmental health and biostatistics. The degree program would have 15 credits of core courses, 21-27 credits of required and elective specialty courses, and 6 credits of capstone work. Most of the courses are currently being taught.

Students would be recruited from community health departments, nonprofit agencies, hospitals, and the Center for Disease Control. There are about 50 students currently enrolled in the MPH program with 30-40 admitted each year. The expectation is to increase the enrollment to about 290 students or 140 per cohort. The College of Health Professions intends to offer the program by distance education by partnering with IFAS to deliver at their sites across the state.

The Council approved the proposal unanimously, effective Fall 2004, and requested that a copy of the entire program be sent to the Graduate School

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

The Provost sent a DDD memo on April 10, 2003, outlining the new policy for a required capitation charge. All grants and contracts will be charged the same amount for graduate student assistants independent of their residency status. The amount to be charged immediately to all active grant and contract accounts (consistent with sponsor and A-21 requirements) for FY 2003/04 is \$6,500 per student. The rate for succeeding years will be based on collections and tuition levels.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.