

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
September 16, 2004
1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Campbell, Dr. Thomas Crisman; Dr. Robert Holt; Dr. Christiana Leonard; Ms. Jensen Montambault; Dr. Richard Romano; Dr. Dietmar Siemann; Dr. Colin Sumners; Dr. David Tanner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jeffrey Adler; Dr. Russell Bauer; Dr. Ann Horgas-Masiske; Mr. Barclay Key; Dr. Jose Principe

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. David T. Brown; Dr. W. A. McCollough; Mr. Steve Pritz; Dr. Pierre Ramond; Mr. Chris Sessums; Ms. Corinne Willits; Dr. Paul Zwick

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Vivian Correa; Ms. Linda Vivian; Ms. Gann Enholm; Mr. Gary Hartge; Ms. Helen Martin

Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Since this was the first meeting of the new academic year, all of the members were introduced. Dr. Gerhardt explained that the Council has policy making authority for graduate programs and outlined some of the issues coming up.

Dr. Pierre Ramond, Chair of the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees member, asked for the Council members help to familiarize the Board of Trustees with the importance of graduate students. He is scheduled to address the December meeting of the Board of Trustees. Council members were encouraged to visit the Senate website at www.senate.ufl.edu and read *Fund Raising Targets Faculty and Graduate Students*.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the May 20, 2004, Graduate Council meeting were approved with a correction to the list of retiring members. Dr. Robert Holt did not leave the Council in May 2004.
2. The proposal for a Master of Science with a major in finance was presented, under the expedited review process, by Dr. W. Andrew McCollough, Professor of Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate and Associate Dean. Finance is a well established concentration under the business administration major with its own program requirements as well as complying with the University's Master of Science degree requirements. Nothing will change except the name of the major. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously, effective Fall 2005, pending successful completion of the approval process.*

3. Dr. Paul Zwick, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning presented a proposal that would allow sharing of 21 graduate credits in combined bachelor's/master's programs where the graduate degree requires a minimum of 50 to 52 credits. For the standard 30 hour master's degree only 12 graduate credits may be shared with the undergraduate degree. *The Council approved the proposal unanimously, effective Fall 2005.*

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.