

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
November 18, 2004
1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair; Dr. Russell Bauer;
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. Ann Horgas-Marsiske;
Mr. Barclay Key; Dr. Jose Principe

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. George Blakeslee; Dr. Elizabeth Lowe; Dr. Andrew
McCollough, Dr. Karen Moore; Mr. Christopher Sessums;
Dr. Ben Smith; Ms. Linda West

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Vivian Correa; Ms. Gann Enholm; Ms. Helen Martin

Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt announced that the University of Florida, University of Georgia, and North Carolina State University received a Council of Graduate Schools grant to study attrition in PhD programs. He said one of the challenges would be agreeing on a definition of doctoral student.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the October 21, 2004, Graduate Council meeting were approved as presented.
2. Dr. W. Andrew McCollough, Associate Dean of the College of Business Administration, presented a proposal that the diploma for a master's degree be inscribed with the major if the department and college request such an inscription. The Council members agreed that now and in the future, if a department and college want the major listed on the diploma, they need only notify the Graduate School and the Graduate Dean will notify the Provost and Registrar. *Effective Spring 2005.*
3. The proposal for a nonthesis option for the Master of Science degree in chemistry was approved unanimously. Dr. Ben Smith was present to answer questions. *Effective Spring 2005.*

4. Mr. Christopher Sessums, Director of Distance Education in the Division of Continuing, Education presented a proposal to change the Graduate School policy for transfer of credit to a master's degree program from

Only graduate (5000-7999) level work to the extent of 9 semester credits, earned with a grade of B or better, may be transferred from an institution approved by the Graduate School or 15 semester credits from postbaccalaureate work at the University of Florida

to

"Up to a total of 15 credits from postbaccalaureate work at the University of Florida may be transferred with a maximum of 9 credits from an approved institution other than the University of Florida."

The proposal was approved unanimously. *Effective immediately.*

5. Dr. Karen Moore, Assistant Professor of Animal Sciences, presented the proposal to migrate the MS and PhD interdisciplinary concentrations in animal molecular and cellular biology (AMCB) to graduate program level. AMCB has been a successful interdisciplinary concentration for 11 years. After a lengthy discussion about the lack of participation in the concentration by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in particular the Department of Zoology, the proposal was tabled until the December meeting. Dr. Moore will contact Dr. Louis Guillette, Distinguished Professor of Zoology and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, to establish his college and department's interest in participating in the program.
6. Dr. George Blakeslee, Associate Director of the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, presented the proposal to establish concentrations in geomatics the MFRC, MS, and PhD degrees in forest resources and conservation. Geomatics faculty were transferred to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences this past summer. Previously they had offered graduate students an informal specialization in the civil engineering graduate degrees. The proposal was approved unanimously. *Effective immediately.*
7. Dr. Elizabeth Lowe, Associate Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, presented the proposal for the Graduate Certificate Program in Translational Studies. She was questioned about why it will not be housed in one of the language departments. The center is willing to provide the time and money to establish the certificate program and has the full cooperation of the language departments. The certificate program is open to all languages, including less commonly taught languages. Students must demonstrated advanced reading proficiency in the source language and advanced writing proficiency in the target language to qualify for the program. It is open to students from all majors. The proposal was approved unanimously. *Effective Spring 2005.*

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

