

MINUTES  
GRADUATE COUNCIL  
March 17, 2005  
1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair; Dr. Jeffrey Adler, Dr. Russell Bauer; Dr. Kenneth Campbell; Dr. Thomas Crisman; Dr. Christiana Leonard; Ms. Jensen Montambault

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Robert Holt; Dr. Ann Horgas-Marsiske; Dr. Jose Principe; Dr. Richard Romano; Dr. Dietmar Siemann; Dr. Colin Sumners; Dr. David Tanner.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Alice Poe, Dr. Joanne Richard, Mr. Steven Pritz

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

The meeting began at 1:50 p.m. once a quorum was assembled.

**Action Items**

1. The minutes of the February 17, 2005 Graduate Council meeting were approved as presented.
2. *Proposal for a cooperative Master of Science in Nursing degree specialization in Mid-Wifery between UF and Florida State University (FSU) .*  
Dr. Joanne Richard and Dr. Alice Poe from the College of Nursing presented this proposal. There is a need for additional nurses trained in mid-wifery in the state of Florida, particularly in the panhandle region. UF has an established and successful cooperative MSN specialization in mid-wifery program with University of South Florida (USF). This successful model is the basis for current proposal between UF and FSU. The admissions requirements are the same for both institutions, and the core curricula are equivalent. The program will not require additional faculty at UF. There will be one new grant-supported faculty member at the FSU campus. UF will issue the degree and the diploma. Dr Gerhardt indicated that this proposal is a change to the existing curriculum, and only requires Graduate Council approval prior to implementation. The proposal was approved unanimously. *Effective Fall 2005. .*
3. *Slate of Nominees for Graduate Council 2005-2008*  
Three handouts were given to the council members present: 1) the current Graduate Council composition by College, Department, Term of Expiration, and whether

appointed by the Provost or elected by the graduate faculty; 2) Slate for election; 3) List of previous graduate council members (1992 – present).

The nominating committee presented a slate of 5 candidates for the general graduate faculty election. Two candidates are from College of Engineering, two from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and one from the College of Public Health and Health Professions. A roster of 5-6 candidates is typical.

After a brief discussion that Dr. Gerhardt speaks with each nominee about the duties and requirements for attendance, the roster was accepted unanimously. The Graduate School will get the ballot set up for the election before the end of the semester.

4. *Discussion*

A. Information flow about approved programs between Graduate Council and University Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Gerhardt gave several points of information about recent improvements in the flow of approved program information between the two offices. Previously, there had been some slippage in proposals and other issues getting from the University Curriculum Committee onto the Faculty Senate agenda. All graduate council policy items will go to the University Curriculum committee as information items. Additionally, items that need to be addressed by the Faculty Senate will go directly from the Graduate School to the Senate steering committee.

B. Board of Trustees update.

Dr. Gerhardt reported on the dean's lunch with members of the BOT earlier in the week. The trustees have received a tremendous amount of information about the breadth and depth of activities which occur on this campus. Mr. Fernandez, chair of the BOT, is using the information to create a white paper about why UF should be a Top 10 university. Discussion among the council members included the fact that faculty salaries are still an issue for a break-through. Faculty turnover varies significantly among departments. UF may be losing some excellent minority faculty to other places. Some colleges make counter-offers that faculty perceive to be insulting. There used to be some programs that created value for faculty, such as the TIP and PEP teaching awards.

C. Dr. Leonard indicated that this would be her last Graduate Council meeting, as she will be out of the country for the next several months. Dr. Gerhardt thanked her for her years of service.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm