

**MINUTES**  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**March 23, 2006**  
**1:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Campbell, Dr. Thomas Crisman, Dr. Abraham Hartzema, Dr. Linda Hon, Ms. Jensen Montambault, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Dr. Colin Summers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jane Brockmann, Dr. Nicholas Comerford, Dr. Eileen Fennell, Dr. Robert Holt, Dr. Ann Horgas, Dr. Dietmar Siemann, Dr. David Tanner

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Ian Tebbett, Mr. Steve Pritz

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Vivian Correa, Ms. Gann Enholm, Mr. Gary Hartge, Ms. Anne Taylor

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Minutes of the February 16, 2006, Graduate Council Meeting.** Approved.
2. **Proposal for a new concentration in Forensic Science under the existing Master of Science in Pharmacy degree with a major in Pharmaceutical Sciences.** Dr. Ian Tebbett presented this proposal for a general Forensic Science concentration. Currently, there are two very specific Forensic Science concentrations: one in Forensic Drug Chemistry, and one in Forensic Drug Serology and DNA. His program recently won an award for excellence in distance education, which generated lively interest. The program actively recruits students who already work in the field and have crime lab or field experience. About 90% have field experience. The 10% of enrollees who don't have field experience want insight into the field for professional reasons (lawyers, for example). It benefits the employer to have the student earn the degree through distance education rather than leave the job and physically attend UF for 2 years. The proposal was passed unanimously. The effective date will be Fall 2006.
3. **Finalize the slate of nominees for Graduate Council 2006-2009.** The slate was reduced from 8 names to the following 6 nominees: Bridget A. Franks, PhD, Associate Professor of Educational Psychology; Mark E. Orazem, PhD, Professor of Chemical Engineering; Vassiliki Betty Smocovitis, Professor of History and Zoology; Christopher J. Stanton, PhD, Professor of Physics; Kenneth B. Wagener, PhD, Professor of Chemistry; William R. Wise, PhD, Associate Professor of Environmental Engineering. The graduate school will prepare the ballot and conduct the voting before the end of the semester.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.