

**MINUTES**  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**April 20, 2006**  
**1:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Vivian Correa, Chair; Dr. Jane Brockmann, Dr. Kenneth Campbell, Dr. Nicholas Comerford, Dr. Eileen Fennell, Dr. Abraham Hartzema, Dr. Linda Hon, Dr. Ann Horgas, Ms. Jensen Montambault, Dr. Dietmar Siemann, Dr. Colin Sumners

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Thomas Crisman, Dr. Robert Holt, , Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Dr. David Tanner

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. David Brown, Dr. Sylvia Chan-Olmstead, Ms. Kelly Herring, Dr. Kathy Gratto, Dr. David Honeyman, Dr. Andy McCollough, Mr. Steve Pritz

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley, Ms. Kathy Carroll, Ms. Teresa Geer, Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Mr. Gary Hartge, Ms. Anne Taylor

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Minutes of the March 23, 2006, Graduate Council Meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal for a collaborative concentration in Educational Policy between the College of Education, Department of Educational Administration and Policy; College of Liberal Arts, Department of Political Science.** Dr. David Honeyman and Dr. Kathy Gratto from the Department of Educational Administration and Policy (EAP) presented the proposal. This proposal is the result of continued conversation for the past several years between the EAP and the Department of Political Science. Students in either department could use this concentration, as the beginning of a minor. There was considerable discussion about the finer points of the proposal and its presentation, and a need to clarify the relationship of the concentration's credits and courses to those of the minor (if one), and the overall PhD program. Based on this discussion, the proposal was tabled in its current format and will be presented at the May meeting with editorial revisions. The chair indicated that if there was only this item for May's agenda, it might be possible to conduct a review and vote electronically. However, at the end of the meeting, Dr. Gerhardt indicated that there would be a number of items to consider and a May meeting would be held.
3. **Proposal for a Master of Science with a major in Finance combined undergraduate/graduate program.** Dr. Andy McCollough, Dr. David Brown, and Ms. Kelly Herring presented and discussed the proposal. A new copy of the proposal was handed out, and changes noted: the request for additional credits is up to 6, not 8; and the tables were printed in color for ease of review. This is a proposal for a variation on a conventional combined degree program for undergraduate business majors and a MS in Finance. The MSF is a lockstep program which begins in

Summer B. A number of UF undergrads have sufficient interest and academic talent to pursue as a combined degree. However, given the nature of the modular course work and the required sequencing, some undergraduates will take an additional 6 credits of graduate work before they receive their baccalaureate degree and can be formally admitted to the program. There was a lively discussion about the nature of combined degree programs and how credits are counted. The proposal was accepted unanimously. Start date: Fall 2006

#### **4. Discussion Items**

- a.** Dr. Gerhardt handed out an email that had been forwarded to him from a faculty senator. The email concerned the pending creation of a Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the College of Public Health and Health Professions. The author discussed overlap of missions and resources between two possibly duplicative PhD programs in epidemiology – one in the College of Medicine and one in the College of Public Health and Health Professions.
- b.** NRC Survey: the taxonomy will be finalized very soon. The graduate school is placing all pertinent programs in the taxonomy, and will send to all departments to verify appropriate placement. There are 4 questionnaires that will be completed: one for the institution; one for each PhD program that fits in the taxonomy; one for faculty selected by NRC from lists sent by the departments; and one for students in 5 selected disciplines.
- c.** May meeting: Dr. Gerhardt announced that there will be a Graduate Council meeting held on Thursday, May 18, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.