

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
September 21, 2006
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Campbell, Dr. Nicholas Comerford, Dr. Eileen Fennell, Dr. Bridget Franks, Dr. Abraham Hartzema, Dr. Linda Hon, Dr. Jeffrey Needell, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Dr. Dietmar Siemann, Dr. Betty Smocovitis, Dr. Christopher Stanton, Dr. Colin Sumners

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jane Brockmann, Ms. Cynthia Gomez

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Anthony Dasta, Dr. Randy Duran, Dr. Kathy Gratto, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, Dr. David Honeyman, Dr. Andy McCollough, Mr. Steve Pritz, Dr. Ben Smith, Dr. Ruth Steiner, Dr. Ira Winarsky

STAFF PRESENT: Prof. Laurence Alexander, Dr. Karen Bradley, Ms. Gann Enholm, Mr. Gary Hartge, Mr. Eric Scalamonti, Ms. Anne Taylor

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes of the April 20, 2006, Graduate Council Meeting.** Approved unanimously. There was not a quorum available to hold a May 2006 meeting, so those agenda items were postponed until the September 2006 meeting.
2. **Proposal for a collaborative concentration in Educational Policy between the College of Education, Department of Educational Administration and Policy and the 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 revised proposal for this concentration for the PhD/EdD programs. This proposal is the result of continued conversation for the past several years between the EAP and the Department of Political Science. The proposal is for a concentration, not a minor. It was re-confirmed that students can enter the concentration at any time, as long as the committee approved. Additional requirements: The graduate school staff must receive clarification of the specific majors to which the concentration applies. Dr. Gratto indicated that the Curriculum and Instruction major will be sunset, and that the Student Personnel in Higher Education major only offers a master's degree. Approved: unanimously. Start date: Fall 2007.
3. **Proposal for an interdisciplinary concentration and certificate in Sustainable Design.** Dr. Tony Dasta, Dr. Ruth Steiner, and Dr. Ira Winarsky presented this proposal. This concentration and certificate, for a master's degree only, provides a mechanism for all units to offer a concentration in sustainable design. It represents a continuation of the college's involvement in sustainability efforts and provides a holistic view for the individual student. The courses for the concentration are electives, and the thesis or project **MUST** be related to sustainable design. The 12

credits for the concentration are included in the specific credits for the degree. Additional requirements: the proposal must be modified to include the following statement on page 12: "Courses outside the college will be approved by the committee". Approved: unanimously. Start date: Fall 2007.

- 4. Proposal for a certificate in Sustainable Architecture.** Dr. Tony Dasta presented the proposal to add a certificate to the concentration in sustainable architecture which was approved Fall 2006. The request for the certificate was inadvertently left out of the concentration request. This certificate will allow students from other disciplines to have their studies in sustainable architecture formally recognized. Approved: unanimously. Start date: Fall 2007.
- 5. Proposal for a jointly conferred PhD in Chemistry between UF and École Doctorale Des Sciences Chimiques (Edsc) De L'université Bordeaux 1.** Dr. Randy Duran and Dr. Ben Smith presented this program request for a specific student. The idea was an outgrowth of an IGERT that focused on joint programs of study between 3 US and 3 French institutions. Although the IGERT was not funded in the US, the concept was endorsed by the French institutions, which awarded scholarships for this type of study. One of these scholarship recipients selected UF to be his partner institution. The student's French university has a very prestigious chemistry program. The UF department faculty unanimously approved the concept and proposal. The proposal follows all UF guidelines, and requests one exception to standard UF policy. This exception is to permit the faculty at the French university to participate in the final defense, which will be held at UF, by video conference. There will be at least one French faculty member in physical attendance at the final defense. Approved: 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Start date: Fall 2006.
- 6. Proposal for Template for a PhD Jointly Conferred with Another Institution.** Due to time constraints, this proposal was tabled for discussion and review at the October 2006 meeting.
- 7. Proposal to move the concentration Entrepreneurship under the Master of Science with a major in Business Administration to a Master of Science with a major in Entrepreneurship.** Dr. Andy McCollough presented this proposal to complete the college's degree program revisions. This proposal is needed to decrease confusion about what appears on the diploma and transcript as the actual degree, and follows the format of multiple previously approved requests. The degree will continue to be awarded by the Graduate School. Approved: unanimously. Start date: Fall 2007, pending approval by the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees.
- 8. Proposal for a concentration, Public Health Practice, in the MPH program.** Dr. Stephanie Hanson discussed the need for this new concentration in the existing MPH program. There are currently 5 concentrations. This new concentration addresses the needs of a subgroup of students, particularly those with professional degrees, who want a broad view of public health. All courses that are available are posted on the website, and the concentration follows the same number of credits and requirements as the other concentrations. There will continue to be 2 tracks: 36 credits for the

accelerated program, and 42-48 for the regular program. Approved: unanimously.
Start date: Spring 2007.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Administratively approved proposals

- a. Proposal to change the total credit hours for the joint Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health program to 48 credits.
- b. Proposal to change the total credit hours for the joint JD/Master of Public Health program to 48 credits.

10. National Research Council Assessment Update

- a. Departments have submitted faculty data to the Graduate School and will have one more chance to review it before official submission to NRC. A more detailed update of NRC assessment activities was provided in the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.