

**MINUTES  
GRADUATE COUNCIL  
February 15, 2007  
1:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair; Dr. Nicholas Comerford,  
Dr. Eileen Fennell, Ms. Cynthia Gomez, Dr. Linda Hon,  
Dr. Jeffrey Needell, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Dr. Dietmar Siemann, Dr.  
Christopher Stanton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jane Brockmann, Dr. Kenneth Campbell, Dr. Bridget Franks, Dr.  
Abraham Hartzema, Dr. Betty Smocovitis, Dr. Colin Summers

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Elena Andresen, Dr. Michael Daniels, Dr. Selcuk Erenguc,  
Dr. Robert Frank, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, Dr. John Kraft,  
Dr. Ramon Littell, Dr. Andy McCollough, Mr. Steve Pritz

STAFF PRESENT: Prof. Laurence Alexander, Dr. Karen Bradley, Ms. Lisa De LaCure,  
Ms. Gann Enholm, Mr. Gary Hartge, Ms. Anne Taylor

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Minutes of the January 18, 2007, Graduate Council Meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal to establish a Graduate School of Business.** Dean John Kraft outlined the history of creating a named graduate school of business. From 1977 to 1997, the College of Business included a separate entity called the Graduate School of Business. In 1997, Provost Elizabeth Capaldi determined that the proper steps to authorize a graduate school of business had not been taken through the Board of Regents. It was decided that formal approval could come after a suitable naming opportunity arose. With this most recent development campaign, the naming opportunity for a graduate school of business was on the list, a donor was found, and President Machen agreed to this title. A distinct Graduate School of Business is important for marketing, and to keep current with our peers, most of whom already advertise a "Graduate School of Business". All academic programs will continue to run through the university's Graduate School, because the college does not want to offer professional degrees. Ultimately, the Warrington College of Business will have 3 components: the Fisher School of Accounting, the (new) Hough Graduate School of Business, and an undergraduate School of Business. The steps in the approval process include action by the UF Faculty Senate, and the Board of Trustees. Approved: unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2007, or when all other approvals are obtained.
3. **Proposal for a Ph.D. in Biostatistics.** Dean Robert Frank presented the proposal for a 90 hour post-baccalaureate PhD in Biostatistics. The program, one of the 5 core areas of public health, is designed to advance efforts to become an accredited college of public health. A PhD in Biostatistics is very useful for a number of disciplines. The design was a collaborative effort among the College of Public Health and Health Professions, the College of Medicine, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Dr. Jeffrey Needell reported on the Graduate Council subcommittee review of the proposal. He remarked that the proposal was substantive, good for the university, and endorsed by the

multiple colleges. An important strength is the involvement of the Department of Statistics. This proposal will integrate many units across the campus. The subcommittee's comments (given to the Council and the dean as a handout) were merely editorial in nature, and meant to strengthen the proposal as it moves through the process. Additional steps in the approval process include action by the UF Faculty Senate, Board of Trustees, and Board of Governors. Approval: unanimous. Effective date: Fall 2007, pending all other approvals.

- 4. Proposal to sunset the Master of Physical Therapy program.** Dr. Stephanie Hanson presented the proposal to sunset this degree because the national accrediting body has made the entry level degree a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT). The last student in the Master's program graduated in Spring 2007. The next step in the sunset process is review and approval by the UF Faculty Senate. Approved: unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2007, pending all other approvals.
- 5. Proposal to revise the dissertation publication requirement.** Dr. Karen Bradley presented the proposal to summarize the work of the Graduate Council subcommittee to review the dissertation publication requirement. For many years, the university has required PhD students to submit their dissertation to a third party (ProQuest/UMI) for transfer to microfilm as the preferred archiving medium, and to disseminate the abstract and body of work through the company's multiple outlets. With the advent of new technology and ease of information access via the internet, the subcommittee agreed that it is no longer appropriate to require PhD students to submit their entire work for publication through ProQuest/UMI. The proposal will continue to require that students submit the abstract, demographic and bibliographic information to ProQuest/UMI for inclusion in the Dissertation Abstracts International publication. Students may choose to have ProQuest/UMI publish the entire dissertation, but will not be required to do so. The proposal was presented in 2 parts. Part I: to no longer require publication of the entire dissertation through ProQuest/UMI. Approved: unanimously. Part II: to change the internal thesis and dissertation publishing agreement to accurately reflect this option. Approved: unanimously. Effective date for both parts: Fall 2007.
- 6. Proposal to allow faculty in non-graduate-degree-granting programs to hold Graduate Faculty status.** Dr. Ann Wehmeyer, chair of the Department of African and Asian Languages, presented this proposal. There are some departments at the university that do not have graduate programs. Therefore, the faculty do not have the typical mechanism to allow them to be appointed as regular graduate faculty members. This impedes them from serving as a member or external member on student committees in other fields. The proposal presents a mechanism to let faculty in these departments achieve full graduate faculty status. It asks Graduate Council to become the graduate faculty group that will review the candidates and be the voting agents. The title for these faculty members would be "Graduate Faculty in non-graduate-degree granting programs." Approved: unanimously. Effective date: immediately.