

**MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
March 22, 2007
1:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair; Dr. Jane Brockmann, Dr. Nicholas Comerford, Ms. Becky Hayes, Dr. Linda Hon, Dr. Jeffrey Needell, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Dr. Dietmar Siemann, Dr. Colin Sumners

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Kenneth Campbell, Dr. Eileen Fennell, Dr. Bridget Franks, Dr. Abraham Hartzema, Dr. Betty Smocovitis, Dr. Christopher Stanton

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Elena Andresen, Dr. Barbara Curbow, Dr. Michael Daniels, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Robert Frank, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, Ms. Jennifer Larson, Dr. Ramon Littell, Dr. William Millard, Dr. Keith Muller, Mr. Steve Pritz, Dr. Betsy Shenkman, Dr. Bruce Vogel, Dr. Alex Wagenaar, Dr. Robert Weiler

STAFF PRESENT: Prof. Laurence Alexander, Dr. Karen Bradley, Ms. Kathy Carroll, Mr. Gary Hartge, Ms. Anne Taylor

I. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Minutes of the February 15, 2007, Graduate Council Meeting.** Approved
- 2. Proposal for a Ph.D. in Epidemiology.** Dean Gerhardt initiated the discussion. The proposal had been reviewed by the Graduate School, and by a two member Graduate Council subcommittee. Their comments had already been relayed to Dr. Hanson for review. Dean Robert Frank of the College of Public Health and Health Professions (PHHP) presented the degree as a partnership between PHHP and the College of Medicine (COM). A PhD in Epidemiology is an essential element in all public health programs, and one of the three areas required for accreditation. Separate PhDs in distinct disciplines are the models of nationally public health programs. The COM will take the lead in developing clinical tracks, and PHHP will lead development of all other aspects. Admissions will be handled jointly, and the model is such that students will be exposed to faculty in both colleges. The supervisory committees will reflect the joint nature of the program. Efforts in both colleges will be made to avoid duplicate courses. The comment was made that this program is different than others because it combines a relatively small number of core faculty in different colleges. Dr. Hanson explained the operational aspects. The executive and operations committees have representatives from both colleges. These committees will oversee work of various subcommittees, such as admissions. The suggestion was made, and accepted, that the program create a formal curriculum subcommittee. Clarification was provided that there is only one concentration, and it is in Clinical Epidemiology, which is well defined in the COM. Additional information to be added to the packet includes a list of core graduate faculty from all involved colleges, and a letter from the library concerning adequacy of library resources. The next step for approval is the Faculty

Senate. Approved: unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2007, pending all other approvals.

- 3. Proposal for a Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Public Health.** Dean Gerhardt advised the Graduate Council that he had recently received an email from the Dean of the College of Health and Human Performance (HHP) stating that the college faculty have not been able to give the proposal a thorough review concerning areas of possible overlap. Dr. Weiler from the college requested that the Graduate Council table the proposal to permit HHP adequate time to review. Dean Frank stated that PHHP had met previously with HHP, and understood their concerns about redundancy. PHHP perceives very little overlap. There was concern expressed by PHHP about how a delay in the approval process to allow HHP more review would be affected by the academic calendar. Dean Frank requested that the proposal be reviewed rather than tabled. Dr. Weiler responded that HHP had not been actively involved during the past 18 months of proposal development, and that “minimal overlap” is the PHHP perspective only. Dr. Barbara Curbow of PHHP reported that they designed a program that is very different from offerings in HHP, based upon an initial meeting in 2005 with HHP. The motion was made to table the proposal, allowing HHP one month to review and present comments. Approved: 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
- 4. Proposal to allow students to take multiple MS degrees from the same college either concurrently or sequentially.** Dr. William Millard explained the origin of this proposal. Presently, the university offers a Master’s of Science in Pharmacy (MSP), major of Pharmaceutical Sciences. All pharmacy concentrations fall under this single major. Current university practice, and undergraduate policy, prohibits a student from earning the same degree twice, even if the concentrations/course of study are completely different. The Forensic Pharmacology programs have become very popular. There are 4 separate and very distinct concentrations, with little or no course content overlap. This proposal asks that students be permitted to earn multiple MSP degrees, with each degree having a separate concentration. The Graduate Council instructed the College of Pharmacy to admit students to 2 different concentrations. Council offered guidance to the graduate School concerning students in Pharmacy who are enrolled in a second MSP program. The Graduate School will consider a petition on an individual basis to award a second MSP degree, because the concentrations are completely different. The College of Pharmacy will put forward a proposal to Graduate Council to migrate existing concentrations to majors.
- 5. Proposal to modify the language in the graduate catalog pertaining to “Required Full-Time Registration”.** This item is moved to the April Graduate Council agenda due to lack of time to discuss.
- 6. Finalize the slate of nominees for Graduate Council 2007-2010.** The Graduate School will solicit information about the slate from the Council members via email.

Meeting adjourned: 3:00 pm.