

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
May 17, 2007
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Jane Brockmann, Dr. Nicholas Comerford, Ms. Becky Hayes, Dr. Linda Hon, Dr. Jeffrey Needell, Dr. Colin Sumners

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Alyson Fluornoy (Law), Steve Pritz (Office of the Registrar), Asoo Vakharia (Decision and Information Sciences), Chandra Mitchell (for Zina Evans, Office of Admission)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Dr. Laurence Alexander, Ms. Gann Enholm, Mr. Gary Hartge, Ms. Anne Taylor

I. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Minutes of the April 19, 2007, Graduate Council Meeting.** Dr. Comerford inquired about the proposal for a Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Public Health from the College of Public Health and Health Professions (PHHP). Dr. Gerhardt responded that the Graduate School would assist by forming a committee consisting of 2 faculty from each college (PHHP and HH) and 2 Graduate Council members. This committee will meet over the summer to discuss the proposal and its associated curriculum, and to identify specific issues needing resolution. Dr. Gerhardt was hopeful that the committee could present its recommendations to the Graduate Council in the fall. The minutes were then approved unanimously.
- 2. Proposal for an LL.M. in Environmental and Land Use Law.** Professor Alyson Flournoy presented the proposal. There is strong support by College of Law faculty for this program. Support is evidenced by the Center for Government Responsibility, current curriculum, and an existing certificate program. It is designed to take advantage of the strength of related graduate level course work offered in other disciplines across the campus. The certificate program already works with the Center for Tropical Conservation and Ecology and the Center for Latin American Studies. The program is a good fit for the faculty and the State of Florida. Motion: Approved unanimously.
- 3. Proposal for a concentration in Supply Chain Management within the Master of Science with a major in Decision and Information Sciences.** Dr. Asoo Vakharia presented the proposal. Entry requirements would be the same as those for an M.S. in Decision and Information Sciences. The concentration is the online version (with several courses added) of the on-campus M.S. degree program. The additional courses focus on technology for supply chain management, are offered only in an online format, and are only for the distance learning students. The distance learning model is most suitable for students who are already in the workplace, and travel a great deal. The funding model is off-book. The program

received seed money in July 2006 and represents a strategic fit between the university and the state. The College's industrial advisory board strongly supports this program as a university offering to meet current market demand. Motion: Approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2007

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4. Joint degree program in Doctor of Veterinary Medicine awarded by the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Master of Public Health awarded by the College of Public Health and Health Professions.** Administratively approved by the Graduate School, effective Summer 2007.
- 5. Two new Graduate Council members elected by the faculty:**
 - Dr. Joseph Delfino (Environmental Engineering)
 - Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Wallace (Molecular Genetics and Microbiology)
- 6. Dr. Frierson thanked the Council members for their service over the years. He is glad to be at UF and looks forward to working with existing and new members of the Graduate Council.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.