

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
December 13, 2007
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Jane Brockmann, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Richard Dickinson, Dr. Bridget Franks, Dr. Abraham Hartzema, Ms. Becky Hayes, Dr. Jeffrey Needell, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Dr. Peggy Wallace

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Eileen Fennell, Dr. Sharleen Simpson, Dr. Betty Smocovitis, Dr. Christopher Stanton, Dr. Kim Walsh-Childers

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Elizabeth Bolton (Department of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences); Ms. Kelli Brown (College of Health and Human Performance); Ms. Chandra Mitchell (Office of Admissions); Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the Registrar); Dr. Mark Rieger (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences); Mr. Michael Sisk (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences); Dr. Marilyn Swisher (Department of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences)

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M.

1. **Minutes of the November 15, 2007, Graduate Council Meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal for a concentration in Nonprofit Organization Development (Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences).** Dr. Elizabeth Bolton and Dr. Marilyn Swisher were present for discussion. Discussion included the number of students involved (12 to 19 in FYC 6421, 5 to 7 in FYC 6412); how the excellent stated objectives are met (mostly through FYC 6421, and also through the other courses), whether there is an international connection (yes, students do a practicum, and Dr. Tim Fogarty, from Anthropology, has led several trips to Nicaragua); what disciplines these students will come from (“we cut across campus”—most students are not from CALS); what are 5 main nonprofit organizations involved (Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, United Way, Hospice, eldercare nonprofits). Agriculture is not represented by these nonprofits; instead the fields are more social services: education, health, social service, religious organizations, housing and community development, environment, and advocacy. Finally, it was stated that the concentration will appear on the transcript. The proposal was approved unanimously.
3. **Follow-up to the November 2007 Graduate Council action item (Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, CALS) concerning major, minor, and undergraduate credits counting toward graduate degrees.** Dr. Mark Rieger (Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, CALS) was present for discussion.

Discussion included an example using Romance Languages and Literatures: a student majoring in Spanish Literature, by this ruling, would not be able to minor in Brazilian Literature. It was suggested that the department could offer multiple majors; this is a common practice (the department can do this, if they justify it financially, etc.).

Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt led the discussion and summarized thus: We propose that if a student takes just 1 class in another department, the student can also minor in that department. But if the student takes more than 1 class in that department, the student's program is then considered multidisciplinary; and multidisciplinary programs do not need a minor. The Council agreed that the proposal makes good sense and could have benefits across the University. The proposal was approved unanimously. Dr. Gerhardt said that he will wordsmith this and then add it to the Graduate Catalog, probably under the definition of *minor*.

- 4. Proposal for a Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Public Health.** This proposal was withdrawn earlier in the week.

The Meeting adjourned at 1:28 P.M.