

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
February 21, 2008
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Jane Brockmann, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Richard Dickinson, Dr. Eileen Fennell, Dr. Bridget Franks, Dr. Abraham Hartzema, Dr. Jeffrey Needell, Mr. Aaron Rising (GSC alternate), Dr. Sharleen Simpson, Dr. Betty Smocovitis, Dr. Christopher Stanton, Dr. Peggy Wallace, Dr. Kim Walsh-Childers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Becky Hayes-Smith (GSC), Dr. Panagote Pardalos

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Mark Rieger, Mr. Michael Sisk (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences); Dr. Linda Hagedorn (Department of Education Administration and Policy, College of Education); Dr. Kelli Brown (College of Health and Human Performance); Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps (College of Public Health and Health Professions); Ms. Chandra Mitchell (Office of Admissions); Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the Registrar)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Laurence Alexander, Ms. Rimjhim Banerjee, Dr. Karen Bradley, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Anne Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M.

1. **Minutes of the January 17, 2008, Graduate Council Meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal for a joint degree program culminating in a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree, awarded by the College of Medicine, and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, awarded by the College of Public Health and Health Professions.**
Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps was present for discussion. The difference between this and other joint degree programs is the number of shared credits. MPH accepts 12 credits of medical school coursework; and the medical school accepts 6 credits from the College of Public Health and Health Professions coursework. This is set up as a clear 5-year program. Year 3 is medical school classes. Year 4 the students come to PPHP full-time. Year 5 is clerkship and internship (rotations in medical school). Clerkship was explained as “clinical experiences they have before they get their M.D.” Current demand is for about 3 to 4 students a year; however, that is expected to grow. Medical students often look for an MPH program wherever they are going next; this would capture that market. The proposal was approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2008
3. **Proposal to change the name of the concentrations for the MS and PhD programs presently named “Pharmacy Health Care Administration” to “Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy.”** No discussion was needed. The proposal was approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2008 pending all other approvals.

4. **Proposal to sunset the PhD and EdD in Student Personnel in Higher Education.** Dr. Linda Hagedorn was present for discussion. There are no students in the program. There have been none, for many years. The proposal was approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2008.

5. **Proposal to waive the requirement for an external member on graduate committees in the Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology (AMCB) Program.** Dr. Mark Rieger (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, CALS) was present for discussion. Faculty and departments have (wrongly) morphed the external member into someone in touch with the field. The problem is that faculty and departments do not understand the function of the external member: to represent the Dean of the Graduate School. The role of the external member is to assure that the exam took place; and that it was conducted in a proper manner. The external member *cannot* have a graduate faculty appointment in the degree program that the student is pursuing. One responsibility of being Graduate Faculty is to serve as the external member. The more interdisciplinary UF becomes, the more difficult it will become to find an external member with no ties to any of the departments involved. But the interdisciplinary nature of the program is not the issue here, since that is not the function of the external member. It was decided that a task force should be formed, for these two purposes: 1) To educate departments and Graduate Faculty about the purpose and duties of the external member. 2) To make it easier to find an external member to serve on doctoral dissertation supervisory committees. Because the Graduate Council is forming a task force to address these issues, CALS withdrew the proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.