

**MINUTES**  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**March 20, 2008**  
**1:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Richard Dickinson, Dr. Eileen Fennell, Dr. Abraham Hartzema, Ms. Becky Hayes-Smith (GSC), Dr. Jeffrey Needell, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Mr. Aaron Rising (GSC alternate), Dr. Sharleen Simpson, Dr. Betty Smocovitis, Dr. Peggy Wallace, Dr. Kim Walsh-Childers

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Jane Brockmann, Dr. Bridget Franks, Dr. Christopher Stanton

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dr. Florence Babb (Women's Studies), Dr. Kelli Brown (College of Health and Human Performance), 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. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 P.M.

1. **Minutes of the February 21, 2008, Graduate Council Meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal to change the name of the Women's Studies graduate degree "Master's of Women's Studies" to "Master of Arts, nonthesis".** Dr. Florence Babb presented the proposal. Currently, Women's Studies offer 2 degrees: Master of Arts, thesis, and a non-thesis Master of Women's Studies. Several students in the current programs want to receive a Master of Arts degree, but do a project rather than a thesis. Changing the name of the Master of Women's Studies degree to Master of Arts, non-thesis will better reflect the spirit of the degree and match parallel programs in the university. The single student currently enrolled in the Master of Women's Studies degree program will be able to retain that degree title if he so chooses. Approved unanimously, Spring 2008 pending all other approvals.
3. **Finalize the slate of nominees for Graduate Council 2008-2011.** The slate was reduced from 8 to 5: Dr. Nora Alter, Professor of German and Slavic Studies, Dr. Lily Elefteriadou, Associate Professor of Civil and Coastal Engineering, Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Professor and Chair of Pharmacodynamics, Dr. Michael Marsiske, Associate Professor of Clinical and Health Psychology, Dr. Leslie Odom, Associate Professor of Music. The graduate school will prepare the ballot and conduct the voting before the end of the semester.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.