

**MINUTES  
GRADUATE COUNCIL  
December 18, 2008  
1:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Christopher Janiszewski, Dr. Michael Marsiske, Dr. Leslie Odom, Mr. Aaron Rising (GSC), Dr. Sharleen Simpson, Dr. Peggy Wallace, Dr. Kim Walsh-Childers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Richard Dickinson (GCAC), Dr. Bridget Franks, Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Dr. Jeffrey Needell, Mr. Bret Seferian (GSC), Dr. Betty Smocovitis, Dr. Christopher Stanton,

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Chandra Mitchell (Office of Admissions), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Dr. Charles Williams (Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management), Dr. Chris Janelle (Applied Physiology & Kinesiology), Dr. Robert Weiler (Health Education and Behavior)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 P.M.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Minutes from the November 20, 2008 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal to change credit hours for the Master of Science in Health Education and Behavior from 36 to 30.** Dr. Robert Weiler was present. The question was asked if there are other Master of Science programs that do not require a thesis, and the answer is yes. Proposal: approved unanimously. Effective Spring 2009.
3. **Proposal to eliminate concentrations within the Doctorate in Health and Human Performance: Natural Resource Recreation; Therapeutic Recreation; Tourism; Athletic Training/Sports Medicine; Biomechanics; Sport and Exercise Psychology; and Motor Learning/Control. In addition, the college is requesting to create two new concentrations: Recreation, Parks and Tourism and Biobehavioral Science.** Dr. Janelle indicated that there is a growing trend in kinesiology for reunification of specializations, rather than hyperspecializations. This reflects multidisciplinary trends in both education and practice. Reorganizing in this manner will broaden core course offerings for the two distinct groups of students, as well as prepare the curriculum should other faculty lines be lost. For the PhD, the new concentration of Biobehavioral Science will include the specializations of Athletic Training/Sports Medicine; Biomechanics; Sport and Exercise Psychology; and Motor

Learning/Control. The question was raised about possible overlap with 2 degrees in the College of Public Health and Health Professions, in the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, and in the School of Public Health. Dr. Janelle responded that although the names may be similar, the content and curriculum are totally different. Dr. Charles Williams indicated that the core curriculum offering will also expand for students in the new concentration of Recreation, Parks and Tourism. This concentration will include the specializations of Natural Resource Recreation, Therapeutic Recreation, and Tourism. No new resources will be needed for either concentration. There is also little, if any, overlap in Proposal: approved unanimously. Effective: Fall 2009.

- 4. Proposal to eliminate the following concentrations under the Master of Science in Applied Physiology and Kinesiology (APK): Biomechanics; Sport and Exercise Psychology; and Motor Learning/Control. In addition, the department is requesting a new concentration in Biobehavioral Science.** Dr. Chris Janelle explained that for the MS in APK, the new concentration of Biobehavioral Science will include the specializations of Biomechanics, Sport and Exercise Psychology, and Motor Learning/Control. The department will also continue to offer a separate non-thesis master's degree. The curriculum will remain the same, but offer students more flexibility. The student applicant pool is expected to remain strong. Proposal: approved unanimously. Effective: Fall 2009.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was some discussion about process changes regarding Graduate Council meetings. The possibility of excusing guests/presenters so that council could hold closed discussions was raised. It was pointed out that this is an open meeting, so that excusing guests/presenters was not legal. A second possibility was presented, to hold a meeting by conference call if the agenda was straightforward with essentially administrative decision. It was agreed that the meetings should continue in the fashion with members visibly present.

**The meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2009, 1pm**