

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
February 18, 2010
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson - Chair, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Christopher Janiszewski, Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Dr. Michael Marsiske, Dr. Leslie Odom, Dr. Sharleen Simpson, Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Dr. Peggy Wallace, Dr. Kim Walsh-Childers, Ms. Alexandra Wynne (GSC)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Craig Osenberg, Mr. Matthew Goldstein (GSC)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Curbow, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps (College of Public Health and Health Professions), Dr. Bernard Mair (Office of the Provost), Ms. Chandra Mitchell (Admissions), Mr. Steve Pritz (Registrar),

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Laurence Alexander, Ms. Nicole Dankers, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the January 21, 2010 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal for a PhD in Public Health.** Dr. Virginia Dodd and Dr. Leslie Odom formed the Graduate Council subcommittee that reviewed this proposal. Discussion among Council members raised several questions which were answered by Dr. Stephanie Hanson and Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps. Drs. Dodd and Odom found the proposal to be very well organized and makes a strong case to meet current and long-term university goals. The degree meets college needs. The accrediting body for colleges of public health requires explicit criteria so there is no need for ranking of colleges of public health colleges/programs. Florida residents and internal candidates will be the targeted admissions for the first few years, although applications from all countries will be encouraged. It is probable but not necessary that most applicants will already have a MPH. For clarification, only one concentration per student will be permitted. This approach allows students to learn the core curriculum and then focus in one area. The approval process requires multiple steps, including a final approval by the Board of Governors. The proposal includes a start date of Fall 2010, but the approval process will make a Spring 2011 date more likely. Approved: unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2010 pending all other approvals.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Council was reminded to submit nominations for new members to the nominating committee as soon as possible. The committee is Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Peggy Wallace, Dr. Kim Walsh-Childers, and Ms. Alexandra Wynne.
2. Council engaged in a discussion about the provost's recently released memo concerning conditional admissions.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2010