

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
September 16, 2010
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair, Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Christopher Janiszewski, Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Dr. Michael Marsiske, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Leslie Odom, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller, Mr. Ryan Gross (GSC Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Mr. Matthew Vernon (GSC)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Sharon Bradley (Nursing), Dr. Zina Evans (Admissions), Ms. Cecile Kiley (Nursing), Mr. Steve Pritz (Registrar), Dr. Richard Snyder (Medicine), Dr. Ian Tebbett (Pharmacy), Dr. Karen Whalen (Pharmaceutics), Dr. M. Dee Williams (Nursing), Dr. Al Wysocki (CALs)

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

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

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the May 20, 2010 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal to eliminate the concentration in Farming Systems within the MS degree for Agricultural Education and Communication.** There was minimal discussion. Vote: approved unanimously. Effective date: immediately.
3. **Original item: MSN Exit Option for 2009 and 2010 DNP Admissions. Corrected item: MSN Exit Option for 2011-2012.** Dr. Sharon Bradley presented the proposal. The Agenda has been corrected to reflect the correct proposal name, which is MSN Exit Option for 2011-2012. Background for this proposal lies in the national recommendation that the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is the ultimate level for advanced nursing practice. The college is in the process of transitioning current masters program to DNP. Some students cannot complete the program transition as planned. Students are admitted to the DNP, which is a professional program/degree. The proposal details the process to let students move from the professional program to a graduate degree program, the Master of Science in Nursing. All MSN admissions and academic requirements meet graduate council requirements. Vote: approved unanimously. Effective date: Classes entering 2011 and 2012.

4. **Proposal for a concentration in the Master of Science in Medical Sciences Program.** Dr. Richard Snyder presented the proposal, which is a professional science master's degree. The College of Medicine has a long standing masters program in medical sciences. In November 2009, a proposal was submitted to NSF to create a masters' program in translational biotechnology. A curriculum was established to work alongside the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, which was recently funded by NIH. This is an interdisciplinary 48 credit degree program between medicine and business. In the summer of the 2nd year, students are placed into an internship with a number of businesses/industries. This is considered a terminal degree, rather than a stepping stone to a PhD. This degree is a good fit with translational research. It is mainly geared for recent undergraduates, rather than medical students. While there is no plan to have PhD students participate, some elements are being integrated into the PhD curriculum for the IDP students. Vote: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2010 (immediately).

5. **Proposal for a concentration for the MS-Pharmacy degree "Master of Science in Pharmacy with a concentration in Medication Therapy Management".** Dr. Karen Whalen and Dr. Ian Tebbett presented the proposal. This is not part of the Pharmacy professional program. It is a new concentration in the Pharmacy field, which has its origins in the 2003 Medicare Part D ruling which requires that patients have a periodic comprehensive medication review. Pharmacists can perform this review, which requires a comprehensive set of skills. As part of the process, pharmacists communicate their findings to the medical provider. The first course of the curriculum will be held onsite in Gainesville; live sessions are held via the distance-learning courseware Elluminate, other coursework is delivered online, and there is a final comprehensive exam. This is a degree program, not a professional certificate. It is expected to have a steady-state enrollment of 150 students, and will start with 20-25. There is definitely demand from recent graduates. Participants want the advanced knowledge, although for some, the employer will see increased revenues from these services being delivered. Vote: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2011.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. New members of Council were announced: Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller.

2. SACS came for a 5 year re-affirmation visit. They requested Student Learning Outcomes plans for all graduate degrees, initially focusing on distance learning programs. We need to identify specific efforts, and how this information will be used to improve the programs. This information is due to SACS in April 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 P.M

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 21, 2010