

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Christopher Janiszewski, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller, Mr. Ryan Gross (GSC)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Dr. Michael Marsiske, Dr. Leslie Odom, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Leonardo Villalón

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Grenville Barnes (Forest Resources and Conservation), Dr. George Blakeslee (Forest Resources and Conservation), Dr. Mark Law (Engineering), Ms. Chandra Mitchell (Admissions), Dr. Sheila Onzere (Masters in Sustainable Development Practice), Dr. Allen Wysocki (CALs), Dr. Paul Zwick (Urban and Regional Planning/DCP)

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

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

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the October 21, 2010 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal to form the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and the Environment.** Dr. Mark Law presented the proposal. Since 1967, these two units have been apart. Nationally, it is very unusual for these units to be separate. This proposal will not be adding another layer of bureaucracy, but rather will combine the units in a way to streamline the curriculum and foster interdisciplinarity. The degree titles will stay the same. This proposal was approved by the University Curriculum Committee earlier in the week. Motion was approved: yes-5; no-1; abstain-2. Effective date: Summer 2011 pending university approval.

Council raised the question whether this type of proposal is appropriate to be present to Council for “approval”.

3. **Proposal for a Masters in Sustainable Development Practice.** Dr. Grenville Barnes presented the proposal. There was some concern that agriculture did not have enough focus. Enviropiracy was another concern. Dr. Barnes explained that the proposal is more focused on ethics and natural systems. Students will be able to have multiple concentrations, but it is unlikely that they will have more than two. The addendum

clarifies other issues with the proposal, and is attached as part of these minutes.
Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2011

- 4. Proposal for an Urban and Regional Planning Ph.D. concentration within the major of Design, Construction and Planning.** Dr. Paul Zwick presented the proposal. Council agreed that it was straightforward. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: immediately.

- 5. Proposal for a concentration in Ecological Restoration within the non-thesis Master of Science degree in Forest Resources and Conservation.** Dr. Allen Wysocki and Dr. George Blakeslee presented the proposal. It is possible that in the future this could become an interdisciplinary cluster where it could be awarded by other administrative units. For the present, the governing body will be the School of Forest Resources and Conservation. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2011.

Discussion Items

1. Drs. Frierson and Gerhardt spoke about Council's role in the Student Learning Outcomes. The process is that the departments will propose and draft the SLOs, which the College Curriculum Committee will approve. After college approval, the SLOs will be linked to the Graduate Catalog. Graduate Council will not have any input into these SLOs.
2. Council discussed the NRC report.

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 P.M

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2010