

**MINUTES**  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**March 17, 2011**  
**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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Dr. Michael Marsiske, Dr. Leslie Odom, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Mr. Ryan Gross (GSC), Mr. Matthew Vernon (GSC alt)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Roberta Pileggi (Dentistry), Mr. Richard Bryant (Admissions), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Ms. Gann Enholm

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

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Minutes from the February 17, 2011 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.
  
2. **Proposal to create a School of Advanced Dental Sciences in the College of Dentistry.** Dr. Frierson prefaced the discussion by stating that the Provost's Office requested that Graduate Council review this particular proposal. Dr. Roberta Pileggi discussed the proposal, which is an administrative restructuring within the College of Dentistry. It originated when students realized and then voiced that they needed to work together in a more interdisciplinary manner; thus the need for integrating the curriculum and patient care. The faculty concurred and thus initiated and moved forward the proposal for the School to meet those academic and training needs. The main curriculum modification will be to have one course, rather than three or four, that provides the same information to graduate students in all the clinical disciplines. At this point, these curricular changes will not need faculty from outside the college. In the future, there may be a request for more degrees, including a DMD/PhD and basic dental science PhD programs that might be part of the current IDP structure. Other departments in the College are not involved in the proposal because their business models are different. The faculty and staff in the involved departments are small in number; so the 25 who voted for the proposal represents a significant percentage of those available to vote. This model will be the first in US dental colleges to adopt an extensive interdisciplinary education model at the graduate student level. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2011 pending all other required approvals.

**The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M**  
**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2011**