

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 21, 2011
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Dr. Michael Marsiske, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Leonardo Villalón

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Christopher Janiszewski, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Leslie Odom, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller, Mr. Ryan Gross (GSC), Mr. Matthew Vernon (GSC alt)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. S. Balachandar (Engineering), Dr. Erik Black (Medicine and Education), Mr. Richard Bryant (Admissions), Ms. Diana Hull (Registrar)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Ms. Rimjhim Banerjee, Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt

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

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the March 17, 2011 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved: yes(4), no(0), abstain(2).
2. **Proposal for a joint Ph.D. degree with L'Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse.** Dr. S. Balachandar presented the proposal for the department. This proposal is for one student, who was recruited as part of UF's PIRE (Partnerships for International Research and Education) grant, which is funded by NSF to encourage international partnerships in research and education. The template is one that has been used consistently for other UF-international institution jointly conferred PhD degrees. Dr. Bradley indicated that the most significant change from previous templates is in the intellectual property language. The intellectual property section was reviewed and approved by both Office of Technology Licensing and General Counsel. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: When the student is officially admitted to the program.
3. **Proposal for an OnMED program.** Dr. Erik Black presented this proposal. The program is a subset of the existing Master's of Education, major of Curriculum and Instruction in the School of Teaching and Learning, College of Education. The participants are faculty in the College of Medicine. It is a pilot program, funded by the Department of Education's FIPSE grant program. It is needed because most faculty members in the College of Medicine are clinical, and very few have experience in using technology for teaching. This proposal requests specific exceptions from the GRE requirement for the current UF College of Medicine faculty members

participating in this program. Historically, the GRE was thought to be a useful predictor for success in research degrees. These faculty members in have all passed a rigorous vetting process, which includes standardized testing at various times in their educational background and clinical preparation for licensure. There will be another proposal for future expansion to other populations, and there is already interest from other institutions regarding this program. The current cohort is FIPSE funded; thus, there will be a need to generate self-sustaining support dollars for future cohorts. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Immediately.

II. Announcements

- a. Administratively approved. The concentration of Medical Physics, previously housed in Nuclear and Radiological Engineering, will now be housed in the department of Biomedical Engineering. This is due to a restructuring in the College of Engineering, whereby Nuclear and Radiological Engineering will now be part of the department of Materials Science.
- b. Administratively approved. The joint professional-graduate degrees program of Doctor of Physical Therapy-Master of Public Health met all template requirements.
- c. Election for Graduate Council members will commence on Thursday, April 22. There are four candidates to consider for the two elected positions: Dr. Andrea Berman, Dr. Harry Daniels, Dr. Carole Kimberlin and Dr. Robert Westin.
- d. Dean Frierson thanked the Council members whose terms are expiring this year: Dr. Christopher Janiszewski, Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Dr. Michael Marsiske, and Dr. Leslie Odom.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2011